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## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Details:** PHILIP BART continued to reside at 900 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, until November 15, 1949, when he changed his residence to 263 Atkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Somewhat prior to that time, PHIL BART had been relieved of his duties as District Organizer of the Communist Party, USA, District #3. This decision to relieve him of his duties as District Organizer was approved at the enlarged District Committee meeting on September 10 and 11, 1949. He has since taken up new duties with the National Organization of the Communist Party, USA, in New York.

### I. EVIDENCE OF MEMBERSHIP IN OR AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

SA ROBERT W. HOLMES, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
SA BERNARD J. CONNELL, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
February 21, 1947

On February 21, 1947, the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania sponsored a Lenin Memorial meeting at the Met, Broad and Poplar Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The two above-named witnesses attended this open meeting after paying general admission at the door. While at this meeting, they heard PHIL BART introduced as Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

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The Daily Worker  
March 27, 1947

The March 27, 1947, issue of the "Daily Worker" reported  
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that PHIL BART of the Philadelphia District had sent in a check for \$5,000.00 to the Communist Party Fighting Fund. The "Daily Worker" is available at the Bureau.

The Worker  
April 27, 1947

"The Worker" of April 27, 1947, carried a news story, wherein it was stated that PHIL BART, Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania, had urged the building of the Communist Party.

T 5  
June 21, 1947

The witness, on June 21, 1947, made available a copy of a communication, which was to be directed to the Chairman of the Judiciary General Committee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This communication was a protest against the Bender Bill, which was then pending before the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. According to this communication, the Bender Bill placed restrictions upon Trade Unions and progressive organizations. This communication of protest bore the notation that it was being sent by PHIL BART, Chairman, Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania District.

T 5  
August 11, 1947

This witness made available on August 11, 1947, a letter dated August 4, 1947, from HENRY WINSTON (National Office, CP, USA) inviting PHIL BART to a meeting of East Coast District Organizers in New York City on August 11, 1947.

T 1  
August 18, 1947

This witness furnished, on August 18, 1947, an undated, prepared press release calling for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. In this press release, it was stated that PHIL BART, Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, called upon the members and friends of the Communist Party to fight to repeal the Hartley-Taft law as unconstitutional and against the interests of the Nation. This press release bore stamp of Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania.

T 5  
September 3, 1947

This witness furnished on September 3, 1947, a two page mimeographed statement which was addressed to the Board of County Commissioners,

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and which statement challenged the decision of the Board in denying a place on the ballot to the Communist Party candidate in the Fall election of 1947. A notation at the end of this two page statement indicated that the statement was presented to the Board of County Commissioners by PHILIP BART, Chairman of the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania District, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Daily Worker  
September 12, 1947

The "Daily Worker" of September 12, 1947, carried a news story wherein PHIL BART called a previous story appearing in the public press a "fraud". The previous story referred to an alleged plot on the part of the Communist Party to sabotage the Freedom Train, which was to appear in Philadelphia. In this news article, PHIL BART was identified as the Communist Party Chairman of Eastern Pennsylvania.

The Daily Worker  
October 17, 1947

The October 17, 1947, issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an advertisement of a "Party Conference" that was to be held at Mercantile Hall, 1416 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, on October 25, 1947. In this advertisement, it was stated that PHIL BART, the Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania, was to be one of the speakers at this meeting.

The Pennsylvania Edition of The Worker  
November 2, 1947

The November 2, 1947, issue of the Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker" carried a news article wherein PHIL BART urged the readers of this newspaper to vote against the re-election of Mayor BERNARD SAMUELS, present Mayor of Philadelphia. In this article, PHIL BART was identified as Chairman of the Communist Party (Eastern Pennsylvania). The Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker" is available at Philadelphia.

T 5  
December 8, 1947

The witness furnished on December 8, 1947, a letter dated December 4, 1947, from BETTY GANNETT (of the National Office of the CP, USA), which was addressed to PHIL BART. This letter invited BART to attend a meeting of Eastern Seaboard District Organizers on December 9, 1947.

The Pennsylvania Edition of The Worker  
January 25, 1948

The January 25, 1948, issue of the Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker" carried a newspaper article which announced the launching of an \$80,000.00 Fighting Fund Drive in District #3 (Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware). In this newspaper article, PHIL BART was identified as the Chairman of the District Committee. (CP)

The Pennsylvania Edition of The Worker  
February 1, 1948

The February 1, 1948, issue of the Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker" contained an advertisement announcing a Lenin Memorial meeting on February 27, 1948. In this advertisement there was information that PHIL BART, Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, would be one of the speakers at this meeting.

T 6  
February 13, 1948

This witness furnished, on February 13, 1948, a letter dated February 5, 1948, which announced that PHIL BART was in New York City attending a National Committee meeting of the CP.

The Daily Worker  
February 18, 1948

The February 18, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker" carried a news story concerning the recently completed National Committee meeting of the Communist Party, which had been held from February 2 to February 5, 1948, at New York City. The news story in part made mention of the fact that PHIL BART of Philadelphia had been chosen as a member of the National Press Committee of the Communist Party.

T 7  
May 9, 1948

The witness advised that a pre-convention discussion for out-of-town (Philadelphia) Sections of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware was held on May 9, 1948. This meeting was held at 98 West Broad Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The witness reported that PHIL BART spoke at this meeting as Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware;



The Pennsylvania Edition of The Worker  
May 23, 1948

The May 23, 1948, issue of the Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker" carried a news story reporting the remarks of PHIL BART at the Anti-Mundt Bill Rally held at the Adelphia Hotel, Philadelphia, on May 13, 1948. In this news story BART was identified as the Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania.

EDWARD WALLIS, Assistant Program Director,  
Station WIP, Philadelphia  
June 2, 1948

This witness furnished to SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES, on April 11, 1949, a copy of the speech made by PHIL BART over Station WIP, Philadelphia, on June 2, 1948, between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m., wherein BART spoke against the Mundt-Nixon Bill. This witness can also testify that BART was introduced prior to his speech as Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. This witness can also state that at the close of the speech, BART was again identified as the Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

T 7  
T 8  
T 6

July 16, 17, 18, 1948

These witnesses can testify that the Communist Party, USA, District #3, held a Convention on July 16 through 18, 1948, at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, 1416 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. These witnesses can state that PHIL BART spoke at this Convention as Chairman, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. The witnesses can also testify that BART was elected to the District Committee and was elected as a delegate from District #3 (Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware) to the 14th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, to be held on August 2 to 6, 1948, in New York City.

T 2

July 16, 17, 18, 1948

This witness can testify to the same material as T 7, T 8 and T 6, mentioned above, concerning the District Convention on July 16, 17 and 18, 1948.

T 9

September 11, 1948

This witness made available, on September 11, 1948, a mimeographed announcement which was directed to all Philadelphia Section Committees and to all Philadelphia Party Clubs (CP). This mimeographed announcement pointed out that the newly elected District Committee was calling a Philadelphia City Convention on Sunday, September 19th (1948) at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, 1416 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in order to present a program for concentration and Party building in the CP. This mimeographed announcement bore the printed name of PHIL BART as Chairman (of the newly elected District Committee).

T 5

September 22, 1948

On September 22, 1948, the witness made available a printed leaflet entitled "Who Are the Conspirators?". This printed leaflet discussed the indictment of the twelve leaders of the Communist Party and also announced that a mass protest rally would be held on Thursday evening, October 7, 1948, at Turner's Hall, Broad Street and Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia. Among the speakers at this rally was to be PHIL BART, Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania, according to this leaflet.

The Pennsylvania Edition of The Worker  
September 26, 1948

The September 26, 1948, issue of the Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker" carried an announcement concerning the mass protest rally at Turner's Hall, to be held on October 7, 1948. This announcement also pointed out that PHIL BART, Eastern Pennsylvania Communist Chairman, was to be one of the speakers at this rally.

T 7

January 22, 1949

This witness furnished information on January 24, 1949, to the effect that the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware held an enlarged District Committee meeting at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, 1416 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, on January 22, 1949. According to the witness, PHIL BART, at this meeting, spoke as District Organizer and gave the main political report.

The Pennsylvania Edition of The Worker  
March 6, 1949

In the March 6, 1949, issue of the Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker" there appeared a newspaper article dated March 6, 1949, concerning the raising of \$60,000.00 in District #3 for the National Fund Drive of the Communist Party. In this article PHIL BART was identified as Eastern Pennsylvania Communist Chairman.

T 5  
April 4, 1949

The witness made available on April 4, 1949, a mimeographed memorandum dated March 30, 1949, which was prepared under the heading of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, 250 South Broad Street, Room 710, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania. This memorandum cited an incident wherein a Manager of a Philadelphia Hotel denied the Communist Party the use of the main ballroom in the Hotel, namely the Broadwood. The Communist Party considered this action on the part of the Hotel Manager, a Mr. WILLARD RICHMAN, to be a restriction against free speech and public assembly. This memorandum bore the typed name of PHILIP BART as Chairman (Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware).

T 5  
April 5, 1949

The witness made available a letter on the letterhead of the Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker", 250 South Broad Street, Room 710, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated April 4, 1949. This letter announced that the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware has called a Peace Rally for Friday evening, April 8, 1949, at the Stephen Girard Hotel, 2027 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Among the speakers at this Rally, according to the letter, was to be PHIL BART, Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

T 10  
April 8, 1949

This witness furnished information on April 13, 1949, to the effect that PHIL BART spoke at the Peace Rally held at the Stephen Girard Hotel on April 8, 1949. According to this witness, PHIL BART was introduced as the Communist Party Chairman of Eastern Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Edition of The Worker  
April 17, 1949

The April 17, 1949, issue of the Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker" carried a news story concerning the Peace Rally, which was recently held at the Stephen Girard Hotel, Philadelphia, on April 8, 1949. It was stated in this news story that PHIL BART, Communist Chairman of Eastern Pennsylvania, spoke at this Rally.

SA THERON D. RUSHING, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
SA JAMES J. MIDDLETON, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
April 30, 1949

The above-named witnesses attended a street corner meeting on April 30, 1949, at the corner of 23rd Street and Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia. This meeting, which opened at 5:00 p.m., was under the sponsorship of the United Labor and Peoples May Day Committee of North Philadelphia. PHIL BART spoke at this Rally and according to these witnesses, was introduced as the Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania.

T 7  
September 29, 1949

This witness made available a copy of a mimeographed booklet entitled "Program for Action", which was issued by the District Committee of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. This booklet carried an abridged report of the speech that PHIL BART delivered at the enlarged District Committee meeting of September 10 and 11, 1949.

T 7  
December 18, 1949

This witness advised on December 20, 1949, that he had attended a Party Building and Press Conference on the afternoon of December 18, 1949, at 1306 North 7th Street, Philadelphia. At this meeting, BETTY GANNETT, of the National Office of the Communist Party, read a letter from the National Office of the Communist Party to the District Committee, of District #3, requesting the release of PHIL BART for duties with the National Office of the Communist Party. BOR KLONSKY, the Organizational Secretary of District #3, then announced that the District Committee had met that same morning, had approved the request of the National Office and had granted BART's release.

**II. PROOF OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE  
COMMUNIST PARTY**

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**T 7**

March 2, 1947

The witness furnished on March 11, 1947, a report concerning the Party Building Conference of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, held at the Mercantile Hall, 1416 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 2, 1947. The witness reported that PHIL BART spoke at this Conference and discussed the work of the Communists in the Trade Union movement. He stated that the Communist Party has a big job to do in the shops and local unions and that the Communist Party must educate the people to develop actively in the Union. The Communist Party must organize delegations and send them to legislative halls. According to BART, a strong Communist Party is the same as a strong army among the Trade Unions. He emphasized that the Communist Party must be built so that there will be 5,000 Communist Party members in this District. This, he pointed out, could only be accomplished through a hard struggle. He referred to the Communist Party as the advanced section of the working class and said that the Communist Party is the organization which will bring in Socialism.

BART continued that during each period of history, it has been necessary for men and women to rise and fight for the rights of human advancement and a world free from exploitation. According to BART, this fighting on the part of the Communist Party marks the Communist Party as a part of the American people.

**T 2**

July 16, 17, 18, 1948

At the 1948 Convention of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, PHIL BART, District Chairman of the Party, delivered the main report on the evening of July 16, 1948. He stated that the report to the Convention was based on the draft resolution submitted by the National Committee for the National Communist Party Convention, and that the report would deal with such topics as the drive of American imperialism to war; growing Fascist reaction at home; attacks on living standards and developing economic crises; the movement for peace, democracy and Negro rights; the united front, the 1948 elections and the Third Party; the role of the working class in the maturing political movement; building a mass Communist Party and press; and the battle of ideas and strengthening the Marxist-Leninist understanding of our Party.

In discussing the above topics, informant advises that PHIL BART stated as follows:

" . . . . One of the most important questions that this Convention will devote itself to is the need for strengthening the ideological understanding of our Party and organizing an ideological campaign to qualitatively improve the Marxist-Leninist consciousness of our membership and leadership. The campaign for Marxism-Leninism is part of the struggle for a correct policy in the policy for peace and democracy and against war and Fascism.

"It is not a sectarian task facing our membership alone, but it is a weapon for a mobilization of the people. The battle of ideas is one between reactionary ideas advanced by American imperialism as opposed to those advanced by the forces of progress -- scientific socialism. One leads to intervention abroad and Fascism at home. The other leads toward the building of new democracies and socialism and the defeat of imperialism. At one pole is the leadership of Wall Street and its bipartisan program. At the other is the great Communist Party in the Soviet Union under the leadership of Comrade STALIN. Communist Parties do not function in a vacuum. They are a part of the people and their ideas are tested in daily struggles. In this crucial, historical period, it is necessary to constantly advance our knowledge of the teachings of Marx and Lenin and apply them in the course of our activities. We Communists also maintain that Marxist theory is not a dogma, but a guide to action.

" . . . . We can advance our Marxist knowledge by absorbing the rich experience and contributions of the great Communist Party in the Soviet Union. This Party ushered in Socialism on a sixth of the earth. It defeated every attempt to destroy it in its more than thirty years of existence.

" . . . . American imperialism is the center of attraction for all reactionary forces in the world today. It gives leadership and support to those who willingly serve it in undermining democratic governments all over the world and joins in a coalition against the democratic forces of the world. It is the main hope of reaction in every country.

" . . . . The present bipartisan foreign policy of Congress

supported by the National Conventions of the Republican and Democratic Parties seeks to consolidate the position of American imperialism. It is directed at strengthening its alliance with the Western powers as a bloc against the democratic peace forces under the leadership of the Soviet Union.

" . . . . The determination to struggle for peace is strong in every part of the world. The movement of the colonial peoples for freedom merges with the democratic and Communist movements everywhere to curb and halt the imperialist war makers. The imperialist system, already weakened by the socialist revolution following the first World War, received a new blow in the second World War. The ability to exploit colonial and semi-colonial people has become more difficult, and in many instances, impossible. The revolutionary movements in China, India, Indo-China and elsewhere weakened all imperialist countries. This did not only affect Great Britain and France, but the United States as well.

" . . . . It will be difficult for the imperialist adventurers to mobilize for war against the Soviet Union despite their barrage of propaganda and hate against the Soviet Union Socialist State. They will fail as Hitler failed before them.

" . . . . The main feature of capitalism in our country is that of imperialism. This means a system of world domination by American monopolists. The United States is the most powerful imperialist nation in the world. Its domination takes the form of aggression and control over other countries.

" . . . . Our Party has, since its inception, formulated as part of its basic strategy, the creation of an independent political party led by the working class. During the different stages in this period we changed our tactical position, but recognized that only an independent political movement led by labor can break the grip of the imperialists on the political life of the country.

" . . . . We Communists do not consider the united front as

some trick or maneuver. The enemy, the big capitalists, try to create the illusion that the united front is some nefarious plot of Communists to create a 'front organization' to cover up their activities. We Communists have nothing to hide. On the contrary, we boldly and openly expound the teachings of Marxism-Leninism as the only way out from a system which breeds atomic wars and continuous economic crises. We openly proclaim the basic program of the Communist Party. We proclaim that the final solution is the elimination of such exploitation with the introduction of a socialist society which will produce in the interest of the people and not for the profit of a few."

T 4

August 3, 1948

This witness can testify that PHIL BART was one of eighteen persons nominated for the Resolutions Committee at the Third Session of the Fourteenth National Convention of the Communist Party, held on Tuesday afternoon, August 3, 1948. The Fourteenth National Convention of the Communist Party was held from August 2 to 6, 1948. The first session which was open to the public was held at Madison Square Garden, New York, and the remaining closed sessions were all held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel in New York. The witness can state that PHIL BART and other persons who were nominated for this Resolutions Committee at this Third Session on August 3, 1948, were unanimously elected.

T 4

August 4, 1948

This witness can state that BART spoke at the Fifth Session of the National Convention of the Communist Party held on Wednesday afternoon, August 4, 1948, during the discussion on "Party Building." In his remarks, BART stated that there was no need to minimize the weaknesses in Party work and further that these weaknesses must be corrected in order that the Party might be built to fulfill its vanguard role. He deplored the fact that some members accepted all benefits of Party membership and did not assume responsibilities accompanying them. He added that this state of affairs should be corrected.

T 3

January 22, 1949

On January 22, 1949, the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware held an enlarged District Committee meeting in the Apex Room of the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, 1416 North Broad Street, Philadelphia. This



meeting was divided into two sessions and PHIL BART spoke at both sessions. At the first session he delivered the main report and indicated that the main issue of the day remains the growing danger of war and that consequently the order of the day is the fight for peace and democracy. BART opened his report by stating:

"The enlarged meeting of our District Committee takes place in a setting of one, the Truman inaugural address, which shows ever sharper the fangs of the American imperialistic policy of aggression for a continued cold war which, if not halted, can turn into a real war. . . . .

"It would be folly to underestimate the power of the largest imperialist nation in the world, but it would be just as even up to ignore the factors which have challenged this power and threaten its growth and very existence - those forces which will be able to check the insatiable appetite of Wall Street. These forces are: First of all, the Soviet Union and its determination to fight for peace in the world, and itself a leader of the peace forces today. . . . .

"Forces for peace and democracy are further strengthened by the glorious victories of the Chinese Revolutionary Army under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party. . . . The growing resistance of colonial peoples is making the plans of the imperialistic aggressor much more difficult. While these developments are taking place, imperialist plots to dominate and check these movements are meeting with failure . . . . ."

PHIL BART continued his main report by attacking the Marshall Plan.

In discussing industrial concentration, PHIL BART mentioned the unemployment situation and stated:

". . . . . We must consider the unemployment question as part of the whole problem facing the working class and not as a separate question. This means, first of all, directing the major attention to the working class, basic industries, and throughout the trade unions in which they are organized; militant action by these workers in the struggle against the reactionary impasse of the living standards is the best

fight for the employed and the unemployed. This is why our Party estimated nationally, and we in our District stress the need of a policy of concentration. . . . . Our Party organization must be able to act on these economic issues, just as it strives to act and continue to struggle on the militant front. . . . ."

During the discussion of the A. F. of L. and C.I.O. Conventions, PHIL BART pointed out that the objective of the leaders of these unions was to tie the American labor movement to the imperialist program of War Street. In this connection, BART stated:

" . . . . . We Communists have always been accused that we are only interested in politics, in political questions. We are not concerned with the immediate, concrete economic struggles facing the workers; the union leaders, in turn-- they are concerned with the concrete economic issues and do not allow the political-questions to interfere. Of course, the Communists cannot divorce one from the other. We know that to carry through a successful economic struggle, the workers must also be mobilized for a political struggle against those who oppress them. . . . ."

A portion of PHIL BART's report dealt with the defense of the twelve National Communist Party leaders in New York, and in this connection he stated:

" . . . . . We live in a period today of decisive class consciousness. Imperialism no longer rules with undisputed control over the lives of hundreds and millions of people. It is challenged by the oppressed masses in the colonial and semi-colonial countries, and it is against this domination which has contributed to the dissension in two world wars, aside from what they call police action visited on the colonies which has cost the lives of many thousands and misery and hunger to millions.

"To this the people have seen an alternative, and that alternative is socialism; the teachings of Marx, Engels and Stalin influenced not only the masses of every country generally, but nearly half of humanity lives today directly under a new life--a socialist life--or rather, the struggle

leading them to that goal. The capitalist system is proving decay, further decay. It cannot satisfy and take care of the needs of the people. It struggles to maintain its wealth gained through the sweat and blood of the people. All of the empires, such as England and even little Holland seek to maintain their balance of power at the tables of the mightiest empire—the United States. On the other hand, Marxism-Leninism takes on strength with the ever-growing struggles of the people with their victories. The people of China, the struggles in Asia and Africa—all oppressed humanity gains new hope in the great advances and socialist reconstruction of the Soviet Union. Yes, my comrades, our Party is now on trial. Its National Committee is hauled before a court. The science of Marxism and Leninism is on trial, but can any capitalist judge prosecute and jury convict Marxism-Leninism? The social science which shows the way to emancipation from white slavery? They can no more do that than the popes and priests were able to convict the natural scientists and sciences from aiding mankind through their discoveries and advances. We must learn to master the science of Marxism-Leninism.

"First of all, we, in the leadership of our Party—the comrades right here in this room—we must bring this science to America and we have the opportunity now through the trial of the twelve leaders to bring it to the people generally. In the final analysis, we will win because we represent the interests of the working class—the interests of the majority of the American people, because we are guided by the advance social science of Marxism-Leninism."

T 7

January 22, 1949

This witness advised on January 24, 1949, that BART was present at the enlarged District Committee meeting on January 22, 1949, at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, 1416 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The witness can also testify that BART made the remarks which were reported under T 3 above.

T 11

February 27, 1949

This witness furnished information on March 3, 1949, that a District Executive dinner

was sponsored by the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware at Antony's Restaurant, 39 South 19th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 27, 1949. The witness reported that PHIL BART was the only speaker at this dinner and made the following remarks pertinent to Communist Party policy. BART stated that the movements of the French and Italian Red leaders were to be followed and studied so that here in America we could learn the real meaning of the Communist Party work and its tasks. BART stated that the two Red leaders in Europe were not afraid to say they would support the Red Russian troops in the event they entered their countries. This followed the pattern that was to be expected of every Communist in the United States if they were called on to fulfil their pledges as an active Communist Party member.

T 3  
March 6, 1949

At the Communist Party, USA, District #3 Women's Committee meeting, held at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, 1416 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 6, 1949, PHIL BART, District Organizer of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, delivered the main report, stating that the keynote of the Conference was based on a statement of the National Chairman of the Communist Party, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER:

"One of the greatest weaknesses of the Communist movement in the various capitalist countries, including our own, is its relative failure to win the active support of decisive masses of women."

In discussing the above topic, the informant advised that PHIL BART mentioned the German Marxist AUGUST BEBEL, and his book "Women and Socialism", and stated as follows:

"... BEBEL opens up the study of this subject as follows and I quote him, 'We live in the age of a great social revolution' - remember this was written at the end of the last century - 'that every day makes further progress a great powerful intellectual stir and unless it grows in all the layers of society and the movement pushes toward peak reaching changes, all fear that the ground they stand on shakes. A number of questions have arisen. They have divided the attention of ever-widening circles and the discussion grows high. Their solution! One of the most important of these, one that pushes itself more than before

is the so-called woman question.' BEBEL then concludes and emphasizes this point with the following statement; he says, 'There can be no emancipation of humanity without the social independence and equality of the sexes.'

"MARXISM, the social science which gave direction to the emancipation of the working class, has dealt with this subject from its very beginning. The very first MARXIST documents, the Communist Manifesto, in analyzing class relations in modern capital society as shown in the 'Road to Socialism', deals with and gives considerable attention to the position and role of women in the fight for freedom. The writings of all Marxists, beginning with Marx, including Engels, Lenin and Stalin, deal with this very important question. The test of the Communist Party is its attitude to all oppressed masses of the population, not least being women who suffer the double burden of capitalist aggression, economically, and because of their sex. This test, there is our attention and response to problems facing women, shows them a charity of our Party for we cannot bring the working class in this country; we cannot organize the people against the threat of Fascism and war, unless we win the large masses of women; first of all in industry, in the shops, in unions, and secondly, millions of housewives in this country, large numbers of whom work for a living besides taking care of their home.

'The Communist Party is the partner of Socialism. Only a Socialist society can bring about a complete equality of men and women. The first Socialist Republic, the Soviet Union, gave proof of this idea and was the first realization and application, in fact, of this point. Lenin, addressing the Fourth Moscow City-Wide Party Conference of Women, less than two years after the Russian Revolution, said, and I quote him, 'It is precisely in this sphere, that is, the inequality of women, that of Bourgeois Law, one must say even among the advanced countries, advantage is taken of women's weaker position to make her inferior and to degrade her and it is precisely in this sphere that the Soviet Government has destroyed every trace of the old unjust laws. We can now proudly say,' he continues, without the slightest exaggeration, 'that except for Soviet Russia, there is not a single country in the world in which there is complete equality between men and women.'

T 7

March 21, 1949

The witness advised on March 24, 1949, that a Lehigh Valley Section meeting of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, was held on March 21, 1949, at the Hungarian Workers Hall, 1605 East Third Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. During this meeting a discussion arose concerning the Atlantic Pact and the position of the French Communists with regard to their position in the event Russian troops invaded France. A statement was made to BART, who led the discussion, that this did not seem to be the proper time for the Communist Party in the United States to issue a statement backing the Communist Party in France, Italy or other countries, which would leave the implication that the Communist Party in the United States would fight for the Soviet Union in the event of war. BART explained that the United States is the greatest threat for starting a war and that the Communist Party in the United States had to back the Communist Party in the European countries regarding their inclination to fight for the Soviet Union in the event of a war.

T 7

May 2, 1949

The witness advised on May 20, 1949, that a special meeting of the Lehigh Valley Section of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, was held at the home of one of the Communist Party members, namely IRVING HISKIN, at 438 Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, on May 2, 1949. The witness reported that PHIL BART was present at this meeting and led a discussion on the Atlantic Pact and the ways to combat it, and also spoke on methods of furthering the Communist Party in the United States.

With reference to the latter topic, BART said that the members present at this meeting must further the Communist Party in the United States by working within the Progressive Party to form neighborhood clubs and within the International Workers Order, Foreign Language groups, and Trade Unions in the same manner.

T 5

September 19, 1949

This witness furnished on September 19, 1949, a rough draft of a statement entitled, "A Tribute to Communist Leadership." Part of this rough draft reads as follows:

"A letter from our National Committee requesting the release of Comrade PHIL BART as District Chairman of our Party in order to assume new National responsibilities was read to the meeting of the D.C. (District Committee). The Committee at its enlarged meeting unanimously voted to grant Comrade BART's release. Following the reading of the letter from the National Committee, the majority of the Comrades present took the floor to pay tribute to the outstanding Communist leadership displayed by Comrade BART in the course of his four years' stay in our district.

"Running through the remarks of all the Comrades was the recognition of the contribution made by Comrade BART in building a united Party and a united collective leadership in our district; of the leadership given in the struggle to combat all forms of reformist ideology, and in helping our Party to fulfil its vanguard role in the developing of united front struggles. The District Committee, while recognizing the needs of our National Committee and the contribution to our Party nationally that Comrade BART will make in his new assignment, expressed regret at his coming departure from our district, recognizing the loss that will be felt here."

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September 29, 1949

Shortly after the enlarged District Committee meeting of September 10 and 11, 1949, the District Committee of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, issued a twelve page mimeographed booklet entitled "Program for Action", which sold for five cents a copy. This witness furnished the booklet on September 29, 1949. This booklet carried an abridged report of the speech PHIL BART delivered at the enlarged District Committee meeting of September 10 and 11, 1949. BART's speech dealt with the "Building of the United Front - In Defense of the Economic Needs of the People." BART's concluding remarks, as furnished in this abridged report, are as follows:

"Just a few words in conclusion. We are meeting on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of our Party. Our Party has lived through three historical decades, rich in experience and in lessons for the future. We have traveled a long and difficult road since the first historic convention

in September, 1919, when our Party was organized. In celebrating these thirty years of our history, we look back with great pride on the advances of our Party and its ability to defeat the anti-Marxist ideas which have appeared at various times in its history.

"Basically, we have a sound Marxist organization, we have a sound Marxist Party. It is primarily for this reason that we are able to eliminate the influence of BROWDERISM from our ranks and unite our Party to carry through its historical responsibilities. We are in a crucial period in history; crucial for our country and for our Party. There are great storms ahead but we have learned and will, with increased knowledge, weather the storms. It is easy to navigate on a calm sea but to navigate in turbulent waters is the real test of a good captain. In the storms ahead we will strengthen our Party organizationally and win the respect among the masses of the working people.

"We must learn to master the tactic of united front and apply it in every concrete situation. We must make it a habit to examine every united front action, carry it on by a club group, section or district. We must learn from our errors, as well as from the experiences gained during the course of our work. In this way, we can carry out the next actions better and more effectively.

"We are proud of our Party because it is the Party of the working class. We are proud and confident in the National leadership of our Party. We stand before the court not merely as defendants, but are taking the offensive in the interest of the people of our country.

"The comrades in Foley Square are giving us a good example of the kind of people who make up the leadership of the Communist Party.

"It is with confidence in our cause, which is the cause of the American people, that we shall continue to further develop united front movement for economic security, democratic rights and peace for the people of our country."



CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T 1 A trash cover maintained on the residence of CARL REEVE, 5238 Jefferson Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, through the cooperation of the Philadelphia Department of Public Works. Information on 8/18/47 was furnished to SE RAYMOND J. BOTT.

T 2 PHT 82, a legally installed microphone surveillance, monitored on 7/16/48 by SAs WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT and ROBERT W. HOLMES; on 7/17/48, by SAs WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT and BERNARD J. CONNELL; on 7/18/48, by SAs WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, ROBERT W. HOLMES and BERNARD J. CONNELL.

T 3 PHT 90, a legally installed microphone surveillance, which was monitored on 1/22/49 by SAs EWING S. HUMPHRIES, JR. and WILLIAM H. NAYLOR; and on 3/6/49 by SAs JOSEPH E. SPIVEY, JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY and ALBERT L. PIERCE.

T 4 NY M-187, a legally installed microphone surveillance of the New York Office, which was monitored on 8/3/48 by SA SAMUEL O. BUSH and on 8/4/48 by SA HOWARD W. LITTLE.

T 5 ☐ who furnished information on:

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6/21/47 to SA FRED C. BIRNEY  
8/11/47 to SA FRED C. BIRNEY  
9/3/47 to SA BERNARD J. CONNELL  
12/8/47 to SA BERNARD J. CONNELL  
9/22/48 to SAs ROBERT W. HOLMES and JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY  
4/4/49 to SA JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY  
4/5/49 to SA JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY  
9/19/49 to SA ROBERT G. JENSEN

T 6 ☐ who furnished information on 2/13/48 to SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES and on 7/16,17,18/48 to SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES.

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T 7 ☐ who furnished information on:

5/9/48 to SA JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT  
7/16,17,18/48 to SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN  
1/24/49 to SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN  
9/29/49 to SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN  
12/20/49 to SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN  
3/11/47 to SA JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT  
5/20/49 to SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN

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T 8 [ ] who furnished information on 7/16,17,18/48 to  
SA WILLIAM H. NAYLOR.

T 9 [ ] who furnished information on 9/11/48 to SA  
FOREST F. BURGESS.

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T 10 [ ] who furnished information on 4/13/49 to  
SA HUGH H. FINZEL.

T 11 [ ] who furnished information on 3/3/49 to SAs.  
EUGENE A. BRENNAN and ROBERT F. MAHLER.

Director, FBI

January 9, 1950

SAC, Philadelphia

PHILIP BART, was, Phil Bart, Phil Burt,  
Philip Strauss, Philip Boral  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau file #100-3284)

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin. *ab*

Residence Address: 263 Atkins Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York  
Business Address: National Office  
CP, USA  
New York, N. Y.

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.  
☒ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
☐ (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The New York Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)  
☒ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.  
☒ This subject was tabbed for Comsab. *and*  
☒ This subject was carried as a Key Figure ~~of~~ Top Functionary.  
☒ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.  
☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

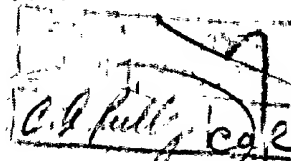
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Director, FBI

Report of SA LEWIS M. LAMASTER, Chicago, dated 9/16/43.  
Report of SA C. P. McDONALD, Philadelphia, dated 11/16/43.  
Report of SA RICHARD E. NELSON, Chicago, dated 12/7/45.  
Report of SA WILLIAM F. CORWELL, Indianapolis, dated 3/15/41.  
Report of SA J. C. BILLS, Chicago, dated 10/1/41.  
Report of SA J. E. KELLER, Chicago, dated 12/4/41.  
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Report of SA ELBERT R. GILLIOM, Indianapolis, dated 3/22/44.  
Report of SA R. M. KANE, Chicago, dated 9/2/44.  
Report of SA GENE E. STRONG, Chicago, dated 4/18/45.  
Report of SA GENE E. STRONG, Chicago, dated 7/7/45.  
Report of SA GENE E. STRONG, Chicago, dated 10/26/45.  
Report of SA ROBERT W. HOLMES, Philadelphia, dated 2/26/47.  
Report of SA ROBERT W. HOLMES, Philadelphia, dated 3/7/47.  
CC Bureau letter to Philadelphia dated March 25, 1947, re  
report of SA ROBERT W. HOLMES, Philadelphia, dated  
3/7/47.  
Report of SA BERNARD J. CONNELL, Philadelphia, dated 8/4/49.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: January 9, 1950

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to Form FD 128, carbon copies of which were transmitted to your office in the above-captioned matter.

With reference to the serials enclosed with Form FD 128, it is requested that your office prepare photostatic copies of the reports listed below:

Report of SA WILLIAM F. COLWELL, Indianapolis, dated 8/15/41.  
Report of SA J. C. BILLS, Chicago, dated 10/1/41.  
Report of SA J. E. KELLER, Chicago, dated 12/4/41.  
Report of SA LEWIS M. LAMASTER, Chicago, dated 8/21/43.  
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Report of SA GENE E. STRONG, Chicago, dated 7/7/45.  
Report of SA GENE E. STRONG, Chicago, dated 10/26/45.

The above is requested in order that the files of the Philadelphia Office will remain complete on the subject.

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Reurlet dated January 9, 1950.

This letter transmitted a copy of Form FD 128, a security card, and a summary report by SA Bernard J. Connell dated January 9, 1950. The copies of the reports listed on page 2 attached to Form FD 128 were not received.

It is suggested that they be forwarded to the New York Office.

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Director, FBI

January 25, 1950

SAC New York

PHILIP BART, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bur. #100-3284)

Reference is made to Form FD 128 dated January 9, 1950 forwarded by Philadelphia in this case.

PHILIP BART will not be carried as a top functionary in this office in view of his present activities, but he will be carried as a key figure at the present time unless advised to the contrary. For information.

CC: NY 100-96900

*[Handwritten signature and initials, possibly "J. Edgar Hoover" and "J. B. Connelley"]*

CAR:MRF  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NY  
JAN. 25, 1950

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BOSTON (ROUTINE)

PHILIP BART, WAS; ISC. CI NYT TWENTYSIX TODAY REPORTED THAT AS A RESULT OF CONFERENCE BETWEEN BETTY GANNETT AND DAVE ROSENBERG THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY IS POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY. HOWEVER, PHIL BART WILL BE IN BOSTON ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, POSSIBLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE REORGANIZATION OF SHOP CLUBS. FOR INFO.

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CC: 100-13483 (GANNETT)

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CAR:DJG

Approved: *Wm #7* *EDW*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 4:30 M Per on

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New York, New York

January 25, 1950

MEMO:

RE: BETTY GANNETT, was;  
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Attached hereto is a transcript of a conference between BETTY GANNETT, Assistant Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA, and MIKE RUSSO, CP functionary in New Haven, Conn. This conference, reported by CI NY 26, reflects that PHIL BART will visit a number of districts to study the shop clubs.

CHESTER A. REILLY, SA

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FBI - NEW YORK

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12:35 p.m.

RECORD NO. M-5315-4

TO: BETTY GANNETT  
FROM: MIKE RUSSO

B: Hello.

M: Hello BETTY (ph)

B: Yeah.

M: This is MIKE (ph) BETTY.

B: Yes MIKE

M: Lookit, I left word there at the desk when I was in there last week about a speaker for Stanford (ph) Friday night.

B: Yeah, gee, we weren't able to get anybody.

M: Oh, you can't get anybody at all, not even New York State.

B: Well, there's so d--- few to get.

M: Now, we don't want any leading person. Anyone will do.

B: Uh.

M: Anyone will do BETTY. It's just a small meeting, you know, but it's an important one for us.

B: Uh huh.

M: What's the matter? You don't ...

B: No, I was just looking for the notes so that I, uh, so that I don't forget it.

M: I see.

B: Well, look, I'll try to put somebody on the job to try to get it.

M: Will you, and will you get confirmation or something?

B: Yeah, I'll try to get it for you today.

M: A (ind) one.

B: Yeah, I know.

M: OK.

B: OK, look MIKE, while you're on the phone, do you know your final, your figures as of today.

M: As of today? They are over 750.

B: Over 750?

M: I think we'll complete it this week.

B: What do you mean by completing? What will you reach?

M: Ah, well, we'll reach 850.

B: Oh, you'll reach 850.

M: Yeah.

B: Uh huh, Uh huh, OK, so that you have ...

M: And we have quite a (ind.), our dues are coming in and we sent quite a batch in and they are still coming in and we expect we'll be over the 7,000 mark and we are sure we will pass the 8, you know...

B: Uh huh.

M: ... this week, not this week, but before the month is up.

B: OK, look, while I'm at it, we are having some discussion on organizational questions and we agreed that PHIL BART (ph) would visit a number of districts for us primarily to study the clubs, especially the shop clubs.

M: Yeah.

B: How would next Monday and Tuesday be for you?

M: Next Monday and Tuesday be? Well, don't you have a meeting scheduled, when is the "org" meeting in Newark, Thursday?

B: Friday.

M: Friday, OK, well SID (ph) will let you know.

B: OK, so take it up with him, OK.

M: OK.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Case originated at <b>INDIANAPOLIS</b>		File No. <b>61-55</b>	
Report made at <b>INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA</b>	Date <b>8/15/41</b>	Period <b>6/2, 7/1, 8/12/41</b>	Report made by <b>WILLIAM F. COLWELL</b> <span style="float:right">ES</span>
Title <b>CHANGED</b> <b>PHILIP BART</b> , with aliases, <b>Phil Bart, Phil Burt, Phil Bard</b> <i>Index</i>			Character <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**Synopsis of Facts:** Subject now active as Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party with offices in Chicago, Illinois. Correspondence between IMOGENE POSTON and MABEL MITCHELL, both party workers in Indianapolis set out. CUSTODIAL DETENTION MEMORANDUM submitted 8/12/40. File reviewed and leads set out.

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**Reference:** Report of Special Agent WILLIAM F. COLWELL, dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 2, 1941.

**Details:** The title in this case is being changed in order that the name of JOHN LAWSON, whose correct name is JOHN ISAACSON, might be deleted as a subject for the reason that an individual case has been opened concerning that subject, and also to set out the alias of subject, that being PHIL BURT. This report is being made to completely review the file of the Indianapolis Field Division and to set out all appropriate leads. For the information of the Washington Field Division which has not previously been furnished reports in instant case, the

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Approved <i>E. J. Tamm</i>	SAC	Do not write in these spaces
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5 Bureau	<b>FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</b> U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE <b>MAR 22 1946</b> PHILADELPHIA OFFICE ROUTED TO <i>file</i>	<b>FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</b> <b>AUG 18 1941</b> U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS <i>file</i>
2 Washington Field Division		
② Chicago		
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3 Indianapolis		

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following summary is being made.

PHIL BART acted in the capacity of Secretary of District 28 (Indiana), Communist Party of the United States of America, from approximately January, 1938, to April 1, 1941. On the last named date he left Indianapolis, Indiana, for Chicago, Illinois, where he has since been serving in the capacity of Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party. His exact residence in Chicago, Illinois, is unknown. The following is his description as furnished by Informant T2:

Name	PHILIP BART
Age	56 (Birth date unknown)
Birthplace	Unknown
Height	6 feet
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Black (Bald headed)
Build	Regular; slight stoop in shoulder
Teeth	False, several gold fillings
Occupation	Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A., in Chicago, Illinois

It is thought that the individual referred to in this report as PHIL BARD may possibly be identical with subject in this case.

At Indianapolis, Indiana

Indianapolis File 100-1416 sets out the Bureau letter to all field divisions, dated May 22, 1941, and captioned, "STANDARD OIL PLAN; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This letter had also an inclosure of a memorandum obtained from a confidential source, the same being dated April 25, 1941, setting out information to the effect that on an unidentified date a group of persons discussed a plan of operation to be put into effect by the Communist Party, known as "Standard Oil Plan". One member of the group of persons was stated to be PHIL BURT, the Secretary of the Communist Party for the State of Illinois, and who was also a confident of HUDSON. It may be possible that PHIL BURT is identical with subject in this case.

The memorandum further sets out the fact that

at the meeting it was pointed out that the Standard Oil Company has a large number of refineries and numerous ships which refine and carry its products. The plan outlined called for the forming of units of six members on each tanker owned by the Standard Oil Company. All such members were to act independently of members of the National Maritime Union. Also Communist Party units were to be established in each one of the refineries and they were to be known as refinery units, to consist of 28 party members for each 500 workers employed in each refinery.

This same file also contains an affidavit executed by Informant T1 on March 12, 1940, before SAMUEL C. EVETT, Notary Public, Lake County, Indiana. This affidavit recites the fact that Informant T1 was an employee of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, Indiana Harbor, Indiana, and also a member of Lodge No. 1,011, Steel Workers Organization Committee, CIO. Further, that sometime in April, 1939, he became a member of the Communist Party. Thereafter he attended several Communist Party meetings, one of which was sometime in either August or September, 1939, at the home of [redacted] Indiana, which meeting was also attended by [redacted] and PHIL BART, the latter being known to Informant T1 as State Secretary of the Communist Party for the State of Indiana. At this meeting the discussion centered around agitation for a strike among the steel workers on the question of the difference paid the electrical workers on the inside of the plant from those paid to workers on the outside. Both [redacted] and BART made inquiries as to how well each department of the Union was organized and as to whether or not the Party could get the backing of the men in case a strike was called. The question was also brought up by the same two persons as to how much more activity could be put forth in the organizing of the Union and the Party. BART asked what steps could be made in getting rid of [redacted] BITTNER, [redacted] FONTOCCHIO, and [redacted] GERMANO, all of whom were leaders of the SWOC, CIO Union.

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Indianapolis File 61-19, captioned "Communist Party Activities in the United States", contains a newspaper article which appeared in the Gary Post Tribune under date of May 20, 1940, captioned "Calumet Man Nominated by Communists", setting out the fact that the Communist Party for the State of Indiana held their yearly convention in Gary, Indiana, on May 18, 1940, in the Spanish Garden at 11th and Jackson Streets. At this convention the key-note address was given by PHIL BART, the State Secretary of the Communist Party.

Informant T2 made a report dated November 11, 1940, reflecting an interview with Informant T3 advising that a few weeks previously BART had ordered 25,000 hand bills containing information to the effect that the Governor of the State of Indiana had refused to allow the Communist Party to appear on the ballot in the General Election held in November, 1940, and also carried instructions telling the people how to vote for EARL BROWDER and JAMES FORD.

Informant T2 made a report, dated February 4, 1941, concerning the activities of the Anti-War Literature Committee setting out information to the effect that that organization had held a meeting on January 19, 1941, at Trinity Hall, 2069 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Indiana. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, of Chicago, Illinois, was the main speaker and was introduced by subject.

On February 14, 1941, the writer, accompanied by Special Agent RICHARD C. GODFREY, attended a subsequent meeting of the Anti-War Literature Committee held at the Antioch Baptist Church, 13th and Missouri Streets. ELLA REEVE, "Mother" BLOOR was the main speaker. She was introduced to the audience by subject, who briefly outlined the career of "Mother" BLOOR as a militant worker for the laborer. After the speech of "Mother" BLOOR, subject again addressed the audience briefly and announced the sale of her book "We Are Many", as well as the book "Soviet Power."

Informant T2 made a report dated May 16, 1941, setting out information obtained from Informant T4, who had a conversation with MABEL MITCHELL, former State Treasurer of the Communist Party in Indiana, on May 12, 1941. MABEL MITCHELL advised that PHIL BART was now in Chicago, Illinois, and further that he came to Indianapolis, Indiana, often.

On July 1, 1941, Informant T2 furnished the writer with a stenographer's notebook which he had obtained from the personal effects of JOSEPH D. PERSILY (65-1230). For the information of the offices receiving copies of this report, PERSILY is an admitted Communist Party member and at present is serving as International Vice-President of the Furniture Workers Union, with offices in Chicago, Illinois. The stenographer's notes were furnished by Informant T2 and were photographed. Copies of the same are being retained in Indianapolis File 65-1230, and upon being transcribed are as follows:

### "PHIL'S REPORT

"Comrades: Our whole party can heartily endorse the editorial of the D.", which appeared last Friday substantiating the report of Comrade BROWDER national Committee of Progressive America. Comrade BROWDER in his splendid report illuminated the present events and showed the path which our party is to follow in order to contribute its share in the responsibility of determining the destiny of our country, the destiny of all mankind in the struggle of onslaught of Fascist -----  
The center of deliberations also ----- (line across page indicating writer missed words) -----

"The C I in the manifestation issued on the 20th anniversary of the Soviet Union stated '...The whole question of war is closely bound up with the works of the recent elections and the prospectives for the coming two years and the 1940 election struggle. Naturally, the first question is would the Tories win the election.' This was not only a question in the press but in the newspapers with its headline, Mentality (?) That is the affirmative answer to this question. Let's examine the results. First and foremost is the splendid report of the experiences of our party given by the leader of our party in the State of California, Comrade WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMEYER. There did our party together with all the progressive forces we have win the most close victory for the democratic forces. The ----- committee greeted the opening remarks of Comrade S. when he announced that by the 16th of Jan. TOM MONEY will be free. The fight led against OLLSON and DOWNEY are as-- as any air work ---even more so, but these people together with all the other job hunters in the campaign were sufficiently alert and were able to answer and to consequently divert these forces. One of the outstanding points in the election campaign of California was the 30 every Thursday. To answer the .....a crack pot movement. Only you alienate million force in you voted for this issue when it was on the ballot. On the contrary our party and these forces would not give unconditional support to this. They showed some of its achievements but it showed the desire of all people to (line drawn indicating words omitted). The party campaign in this whole campaign was most significant and the party came out with more powers as a result of it. There are many sides to the important example that Comrade S. gave. Naturally the Western worker would not take a position in support of the 30 every Thursday movement. The Western worker opens its columns pro and con. They organized a meeting -- a debut with speakers pro and con of this issue attended by



some 2,000, a thousand additional which could not even get into the hall. There was considerable amount of third partying in California but there were the candidates and the party was able to answer the third partying and to take a complete total position on new deal measures. On the other hand where we are so violators and we so-----. For instance, Congressman COFFEE of California was div but he refused to answer third partying and beat around the bush while next door to California's district, a new man was running labor as a com. and who won by a overwhelming majority. Furthermore we can see the prestige and greatness of our party.

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"The party got some 150,000 votes in California and set an example of a ----- of our one state and the committee as a whole. Let us take Michigan where MENPH was defeated. Here we saw a new deal government but out of such by a small majority of some 50,000 votes. I find from the whole relationship of middle classes and farmers on the one hand and workers on the other, this defeat was largely due to splendid labor movement, primarily to the splendid in the auto workers. The LOWSTROM MARTIN crowd in Michigan did their job perfectly. A conflict of unions before the election. This crowd moved to Washington. There was no campaign conducted until the last minute. MARTIN carried an underhanded and a scumless campaign against many of the new deal candidates and a campaign which to some extent was unsuccessful. For instance, one of the candidates running for State Senate in March was one of the outstanding auto leaders in the state -- STANLEY NOVAK. MARTIN did everything possible to stab NOVAK in the back and he rated one of the biggest votes of any candidate in Michigan for State Senate. We must be more on guard for LOWESTONIUR. To -- against filtering through the W. workers. ----- Some of this poison remains on the part of auto workers union so long as the organization's extension threatens it. I want to say in the sharpest possible way that much of our extension -- much of our -- about their campaigns will have no effect -- that we have got to drop any such tales. Let us take another example -- Minnesota. Minnesota is the classic example of what TROSKYIN means. For instance, if we examine the vote throughout the U. S. where the New Deal lost out -- causing JEHEMIAR; that the New Deal willing large vote in the industrial cities and only lost due

to the small vote in the rural areas. The TROTSKITES in Minnesota so that this would not happen ----- I believe that here is the answer to that winning that GLEN STOLIN gave us quite sometime ago --- that it takes tens of thousands and millions to build a structure and that it takes only one spray of lead to destroy it. TROTSKITY is a power in the teamsters union in Mypls. There has been a number of murders involved in this union. Time will not permit to go into all en the other states since I want to deal with our own state but I must mention very briefly New York. ----- of our party in the election campaign. In New York The American Labor party --- through quite a campaign in substantiating a majority of the facts of the year under the influence socialist federation. They carried on a third partying campaign against other MOJANTANIA in the 20th district of New York ----- that M rated the biggest vote than any other ever received in the 20th district. This was the proof that third partying can be broken down --- this time fought against. Throughout the country the Republican Party palayed up the most charmless demagogues, promising everything to everybody. ----- introduced the Townsend Plan --- that promised to millions social security and at the same time a reduction of taxes ---. Let us examine our own state of Indiana. We had at our state convention about a half a year ago that the McNutt-Van Nuys machine does not represent the New Deal. We pointed out at the time a fact well known and acknowledged by citizens throughout our state, that there was a desire for a change, but due to the lack of primaries in Indiana and the contention and animosity raised between the Townsend and McNutt forces, this nominating of Van Nuys was achieved. Furthermore, the whole movement was pronounced in this campaign in the state. The campaign had some very interesting features. --- Van Nuys hardly featured in it. When one read the literature of the Democratic Party ----- they were Roosevelt or Townsend shows running for the Democrat set in Indiana ----- The candidates refused to put up a fight for the New Deal --- on the contrary they dilly-dallies, talked about everything but refused to face the real issue in which the public were really interested. This helped the Republican party, especially as you will remember WILLIS spoke continuing WPA extension social security and other financial measures. As amatter of fact in the large industrial centers disbanded the large inclerty the voters response to the New Deal. This was especially true in the big industrial centers. In Indpls. the

candidates endorsed by L N P L were elected. In St. Jo Co we saw the Republican administration and the Democrats victorious, but even there the majority against was the inability of — for increasing the vote and was to work amongst the farming people.

"Again in California on the relationship between the — union and farm movements. Many of the — of which we used to talk about farm work — that had hit third votes even of this kind did not call them third year totals of Tory unionist from San Fran. and Los. A. or would go out to the farm communities and mobilize the farmers. In Lake Co. we have also seen a — for the Cong. Schulte and — its ticket. At Kokomo, Indiana AAW Co. we have observed the example of where HOLT was and not only defeated but in his defeat was able to carry down all the Labor candidates with him. The campaign was around the basis of a work campaign. Secondly, as we can see, there was a tremendous disgust with the HOLT administration and with its methods of device and working and racketeering that went on in that area, and the voters on that condition defeated the whole — in order to show the repudiation of such tactics in their communities. I have not dealt with the whole — of NLPL. I hope that the comrades who are attentive in this field will take up themselves. I want to deal with some of the no-party campaign. Most of the activities of our party are well known to all of this work that we have done during the election campaign in many — was a credit to our members and we can well be proud of the — or the results. For secretary of state the Communist Party built a vote — the persons. Fully we can see because the Soviet Labor Party is we trust the CP in Indiana. The Soviet Labor Party had only one majority in the whole campaign. The main spokesperson of the Soviet Labor Party was information the CIO. We must work in some other direction to find the answer of what happened and through finding the answer find the solution to this argument. First, we must recognize, Comrades, the nature of our campaign in building the Democratic vote was different from the campaign of the Soviet Labor Party. Our activity to fool the voters that the support of the CP candidates does not acknowledge the source of the Dem. front. On teh contrary an increased vote strengthens the Dem. front.

"We were not able to achieve that which our party achieved in Cal. and New York. — tremendous increase in vote did not loosen or weaken the Dem. front but on the contrary that that impetuous and strengthened the dem. front.

Second: there is no doubt about the Sov. Labor Party was able to carry the whole Soc. vote that remains for years — Soc. which we endeavored to win unsuccessfully. Three: our campaign started only a month before election day. Election work was excellent but election work is only done when it supplements the day to day work in the CP. Work in the labor building the united front. This of course was disregarded in the CP of Ind. The good results in New York and California can be attributed to — primarily to the excellent branch work during the whole year. — With the election over —. The fight will now become sharper. We go into other race Cong. and on some state legislator as a battle ground and other forces where the achievements of the people will be fought out. Since election day the Republicans state leadership has held a meeting. ARCHIE — state chairman. Speaking — gave a promise that the party will not patronize the people. It will fulfill its promises. We can assure Mr. B. that we are going to help him complete the promises. We want everybody in the state to know that speech and we may even take steps to print part of it. We want every local union to become acquainted with it. We want all the people mobilized to make their implicit promises into live volites. Congressmen and state representatives are proud people. They always have an ear to the ground. Pressure of the electorate back home works wonders beyond measure. In this respect, Hoosier congressmen and state representatives are no different than anywhere else and we are party must back its share of necessary pressure upon the Ind. delegation to Congress and upon the Legislature — here within the next few weeks. To this end the party must help develop and extend the movement and greater unity in the labor unions. We have spoken but have not yet acted on improving the work in the American Federation of Labor. Party work in the CIO must not take the form of a freak to handle every detail of — but we have got to begin to make party work in the CIO — political work of the CP which we have — very spoken about but did not act. To this end the CP must zealously throw its forces in organized local legislature conferences thereon which will have an effect in determining the character of legislature which will be adopted by these parties. We always give complete consideration to all progressive forces and join them in building in every community. Let me cite, even if only briefly, the results —————.

"No significant united --- movement has yet taken place in our country. I have referred to the south conflict for human welfare. This conference is a ---. Only all recent developments which have given shape to it or the fact that the President of the U.S. has raised the south as --- issue #1, but belongs entirely out of that basic --- demanding that our party has carried on in the south now and nearly 10 years, and the development of representatives of this whole movement developing in the community, especially in the south where negro and white were not quite brought together in some similar meeting by the actual passing of a united war movement for bettering the vast majority of the people of the south. The conference was attended by some 1500 delegates, including a number of southern governments, a half dozen U.S. senators and many congressmen there in respect of the CP. Had 5 official delegates. This conference is of significance. It is not merely a united war meeting to discuss some issue. It is the beginning of a movement of bettering the vast majority of southern people, to achieve these results which are necessary to elevate the economic, social and political status of the south. But let us not think --- just because we are northern. This movement has nothing to do with us. On the contrary, to the extent that we can help develop in the Tory union among mass movements --- you can certainly well see ahead and encourage this upheaval which is now taking place in the south. Our own state legislature have conferences which --- impress the CP officially as would the south must however take on a very proud character. --- The state legislature meets for only 60 days and unless the conference takes place in the early part of next month our --- will be lost. I will deal with the work of the party and the work of the branch. The kind of work which we must strive for. We have begun work in the branches. --- We have only carried through the outer appearance of community life. We don't know the community. We have a hard ---. Here again we refer once more to New York --- it is a big district. There are not many things they do which we cannot do, yet by some of their community --- we can learn something. We can take a lesson on their election campaign which is a model for the whole country. One of their district in the city comparable to one of our wards worked the leadership of the whole ward to canvass the neighborhood. They gave them material to go out amongst the people. They put out a manual --- for every active worker in that district resided. It has a forward explaining the party. When a party --- it considered the election race by percent, etc. Thus, what we call neighborhood work. When a

party worker went into a home of a worker during their election campaign he could answer any question. --- Ours is the leadership of the party. --- the CP got a 6th of the vote. Twice the vote of things we may do with our branch work. Our comrades do not cause that part. It is not necessary to make a --- go do the neighborhood work among the people. That --- would not be a branch. We must have a group of people who go comply and compare the --- people who can -- etc. After we begin to do that in connection with a branch then we have begun to solve our problem. Now can we solve the practical problem.

"I brought out no new discoveries ----. Comrade Statehl who dealt with the point of organizing more intensively said that we must place the whole question of progress on a political level. The worker --- of a branch must make on the first political impression. What do we mean by this? Let us take an example of our political sensitivity to everything by organizing. Take SB -- for next meeting Indpls. We can solve any political problem. Our comrades are alert to political agents. As a matter of fact, they would scratch a party meeting for the most petty committee that they would have to attend. Our party members would become alarmed if something happened let us say in their Tory union, Trostikets attitude ----. Our party comrades would become alarmed. They would again politicals -- they would demand that something be done right away because there is a danger that the workers will lose as a result of it. But let a branch of 40 go down to 10 -- nobody works at it as political -- of our party.

"Organization must become political district #1. There is a peculiar commentary about our work. We Communists are very good advisers. If anyone asks us for advice for some mass organization we readily and gladly give it to them, and most of the time I think pretty good advice, because we find we are interested in the mass organization and we must see the mass organization finished or they will go to pieces, but it is about time that we began to recognize that the Communist Party is a mass organization. It is as a matter of fact larger than any other organization. But let nothing happen in a mass organization we resort to the -- by the party itself to function to organize its members -- that we try now and ignore. I think with the beginning of the new year the season when everybody makes resolutions, we are proud of them and I hope this will not be

broken! It is about time to be believing that charity begins at home. A little bit of good advice to --. Branches of our party must have leading party members, not merely attending them as representatives but as members of the branch, with personal responses and really -- that the issue. It is not difficult in 1937 to assign all comrades -- to assign all comrades to ours by teaching your leading comrades to work entirely here and the same thing in other places. We -- the whole problem of organization is -- we conduct. Your party will dominate the number, where celebrating its 20th anniversary. These 20 years were replete with historic evidence of major accomplishment. A period of the general crises of capitalism. During the same two decades we -- the growth of the society enjoyed by the Soviet Union.

"This historic task has ----- the read of the Soc. Dems., the soviets of Europe led to ruin, while the read of the Bolshevik led to victory, rather to the unity of the people in a common defense of Fascism. We have a purpose to study this history very closely during the coming year. The CP of the Sov Union headed by Comrade STALIN has made a different path to all of us throughout the world in a new history -- a history of the CP of the Sov. Union written under the personal guidance of Com. STALIN. This is not merely a history of Bolsh. party of the Russian. It is a history of the world struggles and world attainments. It is the history of the whole development of Fascism. The struggles between the Soc. ideas and its opponents. It is ---- truth of what took place in Russia. It continues to struggle in Germany and Austria and we can learn from it. Furthermore, in our party must train it all and develop it more in a greater interpretation --. The greatest defense of our party as communists can only come as ----. Our party in the U. S. has made great contributions in the international field. In a single reading by our party meets without the presence of some leader from ----. Their problems are our problems and we must learn more about them. This history will give us a better understanding than that. Our party is determined. That every single communist and ---- and everyone else shall have an opportunity of getting it. It is some 300 to 400 pages. In order to get the party for all the P -- together the party has decided to cut down all overhead. The only thing that we will have to pay for is the money to set up the type, the printing and the paper. The price will be 40¢. So I think that here will be a chance of taking advantage of this and

spreading at least 500 copies of this book in the state of Indiana: I think it will be well to show our appreciation to the party of this act before this meeting will be over today, we will send in an order for at least 25 to 50 to start that order of 500 copies.

"During 1939 we shall devote to a greater study of the whole psychological teachings upon which the program of our party is based. Our party must be — more — in the teachings of Max and Len. Must have more direct understanding in order to cope with the problems. I have conducted in this city lectures organized very — in connection with the events in Czech. and France. They were attended by an average of some 40 to 50 people. At these meetings we found a considerable amount of pessimism. Though after my talk the blues sort of faded away. I don't claim to be a good counsellor. The main reason for these blues came of a lack of understanding of the forces at work. Our Comrades read the newspapers — and in our fundamental understanding of the struggle that is going on and the hard lines, detrimental and failings. I can assure you that it is a real fantasy of youth that comes to sight when one begins to study teachings — the signed principles of scientific salria which have been — in the great historical evidence of the past period. As a result of our discussion today our committee shall plan detailed ways and methods of ascertaining and improving our whole educational apparatus. I am sure after today's discussion we will be able to conduct our work much better. Comrades, our committee is determined to a — roll in mobilizing a world movement in —. Comrade Denition genuine — of the party has made great emphasis on this point in his speech to the 7th world congress more than three years ago. Our party is destined to play an important part in the mobilization at the last den. movement. We have been carrying out our duties —. We have only begun to contribute our aid. We will comb all the small districts. — It is up to us to do it without compulsion of our leading comrades — get it together today — for a normal front which will defeat and muster all fascism which is dragging our country — or other countries of the world.

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" — of party building — party recruiting, No separate recruiting. No separate recruiting drives. Increase tempo in building party. Build party in the Tory



union movement and mass organizations.

"As communists we know that our task is to educate the progressive forces toward Socialism.

"----- branch as to how this recruiting is getting along. Take an interest in this particular --- in his home life. Make the party in other words an organization that will be a home to people and not just complete mechanical way of recruiting. By the middle of summer we ought to increase our party membership to 1,000. It is very possible and with the correct approach we will carry it through as we have carried through our other jobs. We ought to hold a party Congress --- time and place to be set by the executive committee of the party to have time of the party recruits will be called together for a 2 day Jubilee. New recruits to be invited to this Congress. We want to develop this on the basis of soc. competition. Prize offered to the one who recruits the most by a trip to the fair.

#### PROPOSALS

- "1. 3 comrades of the state work with Doc on "soc. competition basis during period of increased tempo in recruiting.
- "2. Correspondence take place between Doc and the recruits and these letters be compiled in a bulletin on recruiting.
- "3. ?
- "4. Recalling ----- in the recruiting drive Indpls. and So. Bend. get a national speaker and in both cities open meetings by organizing.
- "5. Recruiting committee be set up to guide recruiting in the branches.

1. Set up a state bureau to consist of -----

#### PROPOSALS

- "1. That is by setting up a state bureau. Passed (Doc)
- "2. That the state bureau consist of 7 people. Passed.  
Alice-----Dorothy-----Jim--Zach-&-Dea

- "3. That the personnel consist of Bart, Alice, Dorothy, Jim Zack & Doc. Imogene — not carried.
- "4. (Dorothy) proposed that Zach and Louis be moved up to regular membership on the state committee. Carried.
- "5. Recommendation of Discys, committee that H. Kaufman's case be made an example in Mar. Co. by the Co. Council and that he not be placed in leadership in the branch or in the Co and that he be given certain tasks in order to prove himself to the Co membership. Also that the case of Paul Agnew be dropped fro the time being. Moved and seconded that committee resolution be adopted. Carried. No decension on the first point raised Herb.
- "6. Moved that the state committee send message to Comrade Clarence Price drawn up and sent by Comrade Dorothy. Carried.
- "7. Motion that Comrade Bart's and Blansetts resolutions be used. State bureau to discuss details of Comrade Blansetts resolution. Carried.
- "8. Recommendation that Comrade Binkly be assigned to work in Terre Haute. Carried."

By reason of the reference in those stenographer's notes, to the results of the 1938 General Election and also the reference to the convening of the Indiana Legislature of 1939, it is believed that the stenographer's notes were taken sometime subsequent to the 1938 General Election and the convening of the 1939 Indiana State Legislature.

On June 2, 1941, Informant T2 furnished the writer with certain papers which he had recovered from the vacated room of IMOGENE POSTON and MABEL MITCHELL at 1957 Ruckle Street, which room had been vacated by these two paid Communist Party workers on May 27, 1941. The following letters were photographed and the originals of same are found in Indianapolis File 65-177, entitled "IMOGENE POSTON, with aliases, MABEL MITCHELL, with aliases; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". One letter was addressed to MABEL MITCHELL as follows:

"Friday

"Dear Mabel

Both of my friends will arrive this morning. One, of course, is going on further with you.

They will call you by phone when they get to town.

Hope this note reaches you before their arrival.

(signed)

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One torn letter upon being reassembled is as follows:

"Chicago, May 16, 1941

"To the:

INDIANA STATE PARTY CONFERENCE

Dear Comrades:

I am sorry that I am unable to join Comrade CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT in attending your first conference as part of the Illinois-Indiana district. Comrade CLAUDE, representing our district, will present the problems which face our whole Party.

Even though I am unable to attend, I would like to join in stressing one big question before you -- that is, the BROWDER RECRUITING DRIVE. Our district has set itself the goal of recruiting 500 to 600 new members. This is the best gift we can give to our beloved general secretary, Comrade EARL BROWDER.

Knowing Indiana as I do, I am confident that you will do your share in crowning this campaign with success. At a meeting in Chicago some time ago a number of leading comrades from the state made pledges in recruiting for the Party. Thus far we have not received any

new recruits. However, I am sure that all the people are working towards the end of bringing these new members into our ranks.

"As a Hoosier I feel proud that every decision undertaken in Indiana ---- always fulfilled. We achieved our objectives in the war ---- und----- We have done some excellent work in the election campaign, and I am sure we will get the same results in this recruiting drive.

"I hope to attend one of your meetings in a short time. That meeting should be one where we will celebrate the real victory of the BROWDER RECRUITING DRIVE. Make this conference of yours one that will get results immediately. One that will increase the resources at your command.

"The first task that your conference can achieve is to inform BROWDER on his birthday that the first new recruits have already joined the Party in Indiana.

With best comradely regards,

(signed) PHIL"

On August 12, 1940, a Custodial Detention Memorandum was furnished to the Bureau by cover letter requesting that subject be considered for custodial detention in the event of an emergency.

On July 1, 1941, Informant T2 also furnished the writer with correspondence between JOSEPH D. PERSILY and his brother CHARLES B. PERSILY over a period of three years, from 1936 to 1939. It is to be here noted that CHARLES B. PERSILY during that time was a member of the JOHN BROWN ARTILLERY UNIT with the Loyalists in Spain. One of these letters, dated August 7, 1937, at Alboute, Spain, addressed "To the Comrade who works his way in this world, Hello Joe" and signed "Comradely, CHARLIE", recites in part:

"Yesterday we had some splendid visitors. The delegation from America, including PHIL BARD and MAX BEDACHT. Their speeches were interesting and did much to further build the morale of the men."

As previously stated, it is thought that PHIL BARD referred to in the above quotation might possibly be subject in this case.

These letters were obtained for a long enough period for photographs to be made and the same are being retained in Indianapolis File 65-1230, captioned "JOSEPH D. PERSILY; ALMA ELAINE LEE PERSILY alias Alma Elaine Lee; INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

P E N D I N G

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will through the informants of that office and police department continue efforts to determine the present whereabouts and residence address of subject as well as to develop all available information concerning his activities in the Communist Party.

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.

Will through the offices of Secretary of State examine the passport records for any information pertaining to subject in this case bearing in mind that on August 6, 1937, MAX BEDACHT and PHIL BARD appeared at Alboute, Spain, as members of the delegation from the United States and made speeches before the JOHN BROWN ARTILLERY UNIT then fighting as a part of the Loyalist forces in Spain.

It is desired that all available information be obtained from the application for passport and other records indicating the personal history and background of subject.

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INDEX TO INFORMANTS

Re: CHANGED  
PHILIP BART, with aliases,  
Phil Bart, Phil Burt, Phil Bard  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

The informants referred to in the attached  
report of Special Agent WILLIAM F. COLWELL, dated at  
Indianapolis, Indiana, August 15, 1941, are as follows:

T1 -



T2 - Detective Sergeant EDWARD D. ROULS  
Indianapolis, Indiana, Police Department

T3 -



T4 -

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P E N D I N G

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

CHICAGO

FILE NO. 100-2644

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/1/41</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/28/29/41</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. C. BILLS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JCB:CH</b></span>
TITLE <b>PHILIP BART, with aliases, Phil Bart, Phil Burt, Phil Bard</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Verified that subject active as Organizational Secretary of Communist Party, District #8, Illinois-Indiana. Efforts to locate address made with negative results. Information indicates PHIL BART and PHIL BARD not one and the same individual.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent W. F. COLWELL, Indianapolis, Indiana dated August 15, 1941

**DETAILS:**

At Chicago, Illinois

On August 28, 1941, a review of general Communist information received at the Chicago Office indicates that PHIL BART is in fact serving in the capacity of Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, District #8, Illinois-Indiana.

PHIL BART is frequently reported by Informants of the Chicago Office as attending various functionary meetings serving in a leading capacity. Efforts to ascertain the subject's address have met with negative results to date.

Arrangements have been made to have Informants of the Chicago Office specifically report on the activities of

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PHILIP BART as Organizational Secretary and attempt to ascertain his residence address.

It is noted that the reference report indicates PHIL BART may be identical with PHIL BARD reported a visitor in the Spanish Loyalist Forces in Spain in 1937.

It is to be noted that a picture published in the Daily Worker of June 17, 1937 of PHIL BARD indicates that this individual is a much younger man than PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, and comparison of the pictures gives no indication of similarity.

Confidential Informant [ ] of the Chicago Office, whose identity is known to the Bureau, was shown the picture of PHIL BART and he advised that to the best of his recollection this was not the individual he had met in Spain as PHIL BARD.

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Lieutenant MAKE MILLS of the Industrial Squad of the Chicago Police Department advised that his records were not clear as to the identity of these two individuals but that recently he had begun carrying PHIL BART in a separate case file from PHIL BARD inasmuch as in his opinion, these individuals are not one and the same.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will through Informants of the Chicago Office continue efforts to determine residence address of subject and will develop further information concerning his activities as Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party of Illinois.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-2644**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/4/41</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/27, 28/41</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. KELLER JEK:LL</b>
TITLE <b>"Changed" PHILIP BART, with aliases, Phil Bart, Phil Hart, Phil Bard, Philip Strauss</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject PHILIP BART, as PHILIP STRAUSS presently residing with one CONSTANCE STRAUSS, 1022 West Dakin. Subject possesses 1941 Plymouth, Illinois license 1-734-495. Investigation disclosed subject residing at above address since May 1941. Apartment manager, MRS. HUNT, advises Communist literature is in subject's apartment. Subject's wife CONSTANCE has savings account, First National Bank, Chicago.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent DOUGLAS J. WILLIAMS, Indianapolis, Indiana, 9/30/41.

**DETAILS:**

**At Chicago, Illinois**

Title is being changed to reflect name being used presently by subject at his present residence, PHILIP STRAUSS.

MRS. HAROLD HUNT who is the owner of 1022 N. Dakin advised that the subject with CONSTANCE has been residing in her apartment building since May 1941. She advised that the subject uses the name of PHILIP STRAUSS consistently and to her knowledge has never heard him referred to as PHILIP BART. MRS. HUNT was very cooperative and had been previously contacted by Special Agent H.A. SPINDORE of the Chicago Office and inasmuch as she had advised him at that

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the subject was employed with the Liberty Leather Finishing Company, 1616 West 14th Street in the capacity of salesman and due to the additional fact that at the time Special Agent SPLENDORE contacted the Leather Finishing Company, the manager was reluctant to give information concerning the subject. The Liberty Leather Finishing Company was not recontacted. This information is contained in the report of H. R. SPLENDORE at Chicago, dated October 7, 1941 in the case entitled CONNIE STRAUSS, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY-R, HATCH ACT-Special Inquiry-Veterans Administration. On page 2 of this report, Special Agent H. R. SPLENDORE advises that the manager, upon being contacted, was immediately excited and was quite flushed when asked concerning the subject's employment with the company. The manager advised that no one by that name was working there at the present time.

MRS. HUNT advised that she has been in the subject's apartment on numerous occasions and has seen copies of the Daily Worker and also other Communist literature in the apartment. MRS. HUNT advised further that the couple were quite orderly individuals and did not have much company and seemed to have considerable money inasmuch as at the time rents were paid denominations of \$50 bills were seen quite frequently.

MRS. HUNT advised also that the subject's wife CONSTANCE STRAUSS, had a bank account with the First National Bank of Chicago. In this connection MR. RAY MILLER, Attorney for the First National Bank 59 South Dearborn was contacted and advised that CONSTANCE STRAUSS, 1022 West Dakota, had an account with the bank and that the account started July 21, 1941.

MR. MILLER, even though he would not let the reporting agent examine the bank account advised that when it was originally started, a deposit of \$750 was made. He also stated that to date, no deposits have been made, however, three withdrawals have taken place and that the account at the present time was in the neighborhood of \$200.

MR. MILLER was questioned as to the occupation of CONSTANCE STRAUSS and he stated that this was not indicated. He advised also that the bank had no record concerning the subject as PHILIP BART or PHILIP STRAUSS.

In connection with the reference report and the lead pertaining to the ascertainment as to whether or not the subject purchased an automobile which he now has in his possession on a conditional sales

contract, the Secretary of State Automobile license Department, Ashland and Van Buren Streets, Chicago, Illinois was contacted and there the agent was advised that records pertaining to certificate of title or conditional sales agreement would be contained in the files of the Secretary of State's office, Springfield, Illinois.

The individual referred to as GEORGE NELSON, Industrial Order, 176 West Adams, as mentioned in the reference report is reported by confidential informant in most identities known to the Bureau to be a Youth Director of the International Workers Order, which is a Communist Organization and Confidential Informant also advised that NELSON has a wide radical record including Communist activities in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio and was formerly the Vice President of the Young Communist League of Illinois. This information was received August 18, 1941.

It is to be noted here that the Chicago Field Division has a file on this one GEORGE NELSON and in the report of Special Agent H. R. SPLENDRE, Chicago, dated October 7, 1941, case entitled, GEORGE NELSON with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY-C, it is reflected that NELSON has been an instructor at the Workers School and was a delegate to the State Convention of Youth, Young Communists, and the Youth Director of the C.I.O. and is very active in the affairs of the I.W.O.

It is to be noted further that this GEORGE NELSON'S name has been submitted for Custodial Detention.

Chicago file number 108-4, in the report of Special Agent J. C. BILLS of Chicago, dated November 26, 1941, in the case entitled Communist Party United States American, Youth's Act, it is reflected that the subject stated that he was organizational secretary for the Communist Party for Illinois, Indiana district.

It is to be noted here that the leading officials of the Communist Party of District number 8 were interviewed to ascertain definitely who were the officials of the party and this information is set out in the above mentioned report.

On page 58 of the same report, it is reflected that on November 8, 1941, Special Agent J. F. DESMOND of this office, through the cooperation of FRANK E. NORTHCUTT of the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Chicago, secured a list of employees of the Communist Party of Illinois as of November 1, 1941. This list was secured at District Headquarters

Office, 208 N. Wells and this list purported to list all of the employees of the Communist Party, Illinois, Indiana District. The list was furnished to NORTHUTT by MORRIS CHILDS, State Secretary of the "communist party and in this list is included the name of the subject.

On page 61 of the same report, it is indicated that the subject applied for a Social Security number but as yet has not obtained the same and according to the payroll records of the Communist Party, the subject has been employed since September 17, 1941 at a salary of \$22 per week.

On page 65 of this same report, it is indicated that Special Agent G. B. O'CONNOR and Special Agent J. P. DESMOND purchased tickets and attended the anti-Hitler rally at the Civic Opera House, 20 N. Dearborn Drive and that ALFRED WACHENDECHT presided at this meeting. This individual is State Chairman of the Communist Party and after several musical selections were given, various speakers were introduced and the subject was introduced as PHILIP BART "District Organizational Secretary" at which time he urged the support for Soviet Russia, and the defeat of Hitler.

It was also noted in the report of Special Agent J. C. BILLS, file number 108-4, dated November 26, 1941, that during the conversation of Special Agents BILLS and HANCOCK with the subject, PHIL BART stated that prior to the middle of the summer of 1941, he was State Secretary of the Communist Party in the State of Indiana, leaving Indiana to take the post he now holds in Chicago. He advised that he had held the position of State Secretary of the Communist party, State of Indiana for three years preceding the summer of 1941 and was acting in that capacity as of January 15, 1941.

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SPRINGFIELD FIELD DIVISION

At Springfield, Illinois, will, contact Secretary of State, Automobile Department and examine the registration of a 1941 black Plymouth Coach, bearing 1941 Illinois license tag number 1-784-498 which is listed as being issued to one C. STRAUSS, 1028 Dalcin Avenue, factory number, 11800004, engine number P12474359 and from this registration, copy all information available and ascertain if possible, from whom instant automobile was purchased and if it was purchased under a conditional sales contract, obtain all information contained in that contract.

BUTTE FIELD DIVISION

At Billings, Montana, will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the activities of LOUIS WEINSTOCK at 145 Broadway, Room 1525.

CINCINNATI FIELD OFFICE

At Hamilton, Ohio, will, ascertain if PHILIP BART or CONSTANCE STRAUSS have a checking account at the Second National Bank of Hamilton.

Will, attempt to obtain information concerning checks drawn on this bank.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will, continue the investigation of this case with the view of ascertaining more information relative to the subject's activities and to record additional information which may be applicable to subject's Custodial memorandum.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO**

FILE NO. **100-2644**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-21-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-8 thru 7-1-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LEWIS M. LAMASTER LML:MAB</b>
TITLE <b>PHILIP BART</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Informants report subject presently living with CONSTANCE STRAUSS at 1022 West Dakin, Chicago, Ill. Has been active in drive for new members of Communist Party and all other Communist Party activities in Chicago area. CONNIE BART active in Party work and identified particularly with wards 42 and 46.

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**DETAILS:** The following information was supplied to the Chicago office by confidential informant PB-1, whose identity is known to the Bureau:

On April 8, 1943 the informant learned from CONNIE BART that she was going to attend a meeting of 42nd ward. On April 10, 1943 informant learned from ART BAENDLE that JOHN GRAY would be at headquarters on the 11th, and further that one ELLIS was working on ticket sales and had disposed of fifty tickets and had taken fifty more, also fifty pamphlets. The informant was not able to disclose the nature of the tickets or pamphlets.

On April 11, 1943 the informant learned from MORRIS CHILDS that he, MORRIS, was going to be out of town for a couple of days, though the informant did not learn where he was going.

On April 12, 1943 the informant reported that he had learned from VIRGINIA ZULAWKI that she was sponsoring a meeting and that CONNIE BART had instructed her to order five books entitled "Britain and the world Front" by PALMER DOB, fifteen copies of "Foundations of Leninism", and also the April "Communist" and "Victory and After" for this meeting.

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On April 12 informant learned from ART HAENDLE that CONNIE had indicated that they had acquired 42 recruits and at the same time the informant learned from PHIL BART that he was not going to be home until late as he would be at Party headquarters, 208 North Wells Street.

On April 14, 1943 informant stated that ROMANIA FERGUSON had been advised by PHIL BART that he had recruited five hundred persons and that additional reports indicated that the total would equal twelve hundred and that they hoped ultimately to gain seventeen hundred members. ROMANIA further told the informant that in her section as of this date, they had one hundred seventy one (171) recruits. She further advised that informant that the Cicero section was leading in the drive with South Chicago second hand, both having gotten approximately one hundred thirty (130) recruits, and the packing house district about the same.

On April 15, 1943 the informant learned from ART HAENDLE at Party headquarters that CONNIE BART had advised him that the score for that section as of this date was 46.

On April 17, 1943 the informant learned from ROSE TOLINGER that she attended a meeting on the South Side with PHIL BART. According to ROSE the informant said that the meeting was called by some of the Hungarian Comrades and there were over twenty people at this meeting. According to the informant, ROSE said she was in a position to help PHIL BART get additional gas for his automobile though she did not say in what manner.

On April 18, 1943 the informant learned from MORRIS CHILDS that ART HAENDLE was spending the day in LaGrange, Ill. and that PHIL BART was attending a meeting of the steel group the following day.

On April 19 the informant learned from CONNIE that the telephone number of PHIL BART was Graceland 1468 and was listed in the name of PHILIP STRAUSS, but that she was instructing the telephone company to change the listing to the name of PHILIP BART and intended to inform the telephone company that Mr. STRAUSS was leaving and that PHILIP BART was her brother.

On April 24, 1943 the informant learned from PHIL BART that OTTO LANGERIN's telephone number was Hyde Park 4100 and he lived at the Gladstone Hotel.

On April 20, 1943 informant learned from STINA LEANDER of 843 West Dakin Street, that her husband, CARL KARLIS, who is in the Army, would be home for a couple of days on furlough.

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On April 22, 1943 informant learned that OTTO LANGRISH and JACK MARTIN were preparing a list of union people for CONNIE which they intended to leave in her folder at Communist Party headquarters, 208 North Wells Street, for her to pick up when she came in. The informant subsequently learned that a mistake was made in these lists and two CIO lists were prepared, whereas she wanted one of CIO and one of A.I. of L.

On April 27, 1943 the informant learned from CATHERINE IRWIN that CONNIE believed they would have sixty recruits and by the 9th of June would have eighty five.

On April 29 informant learned from LIBBY MARTIN that CONNIE had \$6.00 for her on subscriptions from the 42nd Ward. On the same date informant stated that CONNIE was going to a meeting at JOHN H. BECKTON's at 458 West Division Street.

On May 1, 1943 informant learned from BETTY FORNEY that she was visiting at the BARTS apartment and that she had advised IRVING HERMAN that she was contemplating a meeting of the District organizers in Omaha, Nebraska on May 30th. At this meeting also she proposed to have one member from each key plant.

On May 3, 1943 the informant learned from PHIL BART that BOB WIRTZ was in Springfield, Illinois. According to PHIL the informant stated that he had heard from WIRTZ in connection with the situation in Springfield and that WIRTZ had told him "We are starting a real fight here under the question of job discrimination against the negro people and it would be best, in my opinion, for me to play a very leading role in that fight as an organizer of the Communist Party. It is my opinion that we ought to step right out. Nobody is doing a thing here, and the negro people that I am in contact with are ready to go ahead in the name of the Party." According to PHIL the informant said that PHIL felt that the party should speak out and take a position and at the same time try to involve other groups independently. According to PHIL, WIRTZ was interested in a mass petition and an attempt to get ten or fifteen thousand signatures on it.

On May 4, 1943 the informant learned that CONNIE BART met LILLY JOHNSON at the Modern Book Store.

On May 8, 1943 informant learned from PHIL BART that WILLIAM A. FOSTER was in town in connection with a meeting at which FOSTER and BEN DAVIS were to be speakers. PHIL advised the informant that FOSTER was going to speak on the strike situation and inflation, etc., whereas PHIL felt it would be

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better for DAVIS to deal with the general political angle of the negro situation.

On May 12, 1943 informant learned from JOHN SCHMIES that PHIL BART was ill and was not coming to the meeting but that PHIL had instructed him that in connection with the subscriptions to the Daily Worker on the club-sub plan that the new members could use the initiation fee as the first payment or that they would be able to get the subscriptions for fifty cents, whereas the old members would have to pay \$1.00 down on their club-sub subscription. The informant also learned that PHIL BART was going to have a meeting on May 20th with SAM DUNN of the Daily Worker.

On this same date the informant learned from PHIL BART that they intended to organize a meeting to be addressed by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and they would like to have two hundred women present.

On May 14, 1943 informant learned that HARRIS CHILDS intended to be present at an I.W.O. meeting on the 15th.

On May 21, 1943 informant learned from CATHERINE FREEMAN that she was going to have a meeting of Air Raid Wardens at her house that evening.

On May 24, 1943 informant learned from PHIL BART that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was arriving in Chicago at 10:40 a.m., May 26, 1943, coming from Denver, and that she was going to stay at the Chicagoan Hotel.

On May 27, 1943 informant learned from ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN that she had passed her five hundred mark for recruits last night.

On May 28, 1943 informant learned from RAY HANESBOROUGH that PHIL BART had advised him that the National Convention to be held in June was going to start on Friday night instead of Saturday morning and those members who were going to attend from Chicago would have to leave on Thursday in order to make it.

On June 1, 1943 informant learned from FRITZIE JACOBS that the quotas for certain branches were as follows: Branch 42, 150; Branch 43, 200; Branch 46, 250.

On June 2, 1943 informant learned from CONNIE BART that ERMA had gotten a job at the International Harvester Company by use of an alias and subterfuge. Informant said that CONNIE had told him that said ERMA was unable to obtain employment at the Poole Brothers Gear Co. because of her previous

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record of apitaton.

Confidential informant CCO-89, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that ANNA SOTIS was the wife of CHARLES E. SOTIS, who is a Communist Party member of long standing, and that an investigation was being conducted concerning her activities. A separate case file has been opened in the Chicago Field Division on this individual.

On June 2, 1943 this informant learned from CONNIE BART that she attended the executive meeting of the 46th ward on June 1st.

On June 7, 1943 CONNIE BART advised this informant that a colored woman by the name of ANNA FANIELS had done housework for her and contemplated doing work for CATHERINE FROBER.

On June 14, 1943 CONNIE BART advised the informant that she had contacted JOHN H. BECKTON in connection with subscriptions and had urged him to increase his efforts as his division was very far behind.

On June 23, 1943 the informant advised that CONNIE BART received a telegram from NAOMI DUNN, 2010 Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, which stated, "Coming to Chicago Saturday. Wire collect if OK to stay with you." CONNIE BART advised the informant that she had wired NAOMI that she would expect her.

On June 24, 1943 the informant advised that he had learned from ROMANIA FERGUSON that CONNIE BART wanted her, ROMANIA, as a speaker at the 42nd ward on the following Wednesday. At the same day informant learned from JANE BLIND and PHIL BART that they were preparing twenty thousand leaflets, which was to be a reprint of the Daily Worker editorial concerning the race riots in Detroit.

On June 30, 1943 the informant learned from CONNIE BART that she had attended a meeting at the Golden Gate Temple at 1032 Orleans Street.

Informant reported that during the period April 8 to July 1 CONNIE BART and PHIL BART had contacted the following persons, whose addresses and telephone numbers were also furnished by the informant or by a check of the Chicago telephone directory and the Chicago Field Division indices:

DONALD J. ALLEN  
Harriet Apartments  
1824 N. Lincoln Park West  
Telephone: Mohawk 3525

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MRS. DORIS BARR, 1824 N. Lincoln Park West, Harriet Apartments, telephone Mohawk 3525.

JOHN H. BECKTON, 458 West Division, telephone, Mohawk 6593.

PEARL S. CASSEMAN, 3912 N. Pine Grove, telephone, Buckingham 9409.

MORRIS CHILDS, 8030 So. Woodlawn, telephone, Kenwood 7284.

ED. BLOOM, 4200 N. Hazel, telephone, Bittersweet 4913.

ANNA DANIELS, (address not given).

M. EPSTEIN, 2827 N. Pine Grove Avenue, telephone, Bittersweet, 2358.

IRVING R. FROMER, 2139 N. Hudson Avenue, telephone Lincoln 8455.

SIGMUND FUENFFER, 2633 S. Thomas, telephone, Armitage 6519.

JACK FREEMAN, 729 W. Irving Park Blvd., telephone, Lakeview 4183.

AYNE GUTLIEB, 380 W. Dickens, Apartment 12, telephone, Lincoln 4307.

JACK A. JALLINGS, 815 W. Cleveland, telephone, Buckingham 7099.

ARTHUR JOHNSON, 1221 Cleveland, telephone, Wellington 2238.

VICTORIA KRAMER, 5728 S. Ashland, Grove Hill 3895.

STINA LEANDER (Mrs. Carl Harris), 843 W. Parkin, telephone Wellington 0973.

ELMER LUCHTERHANDT, 2313 C W. Geneva Terrace, telephone Lincoln 8333.

SYBIL MAKELL, 1205 North State, 1st Apartment, telephone, Delaware 9820.

O. T. MOSES, 925 N. Sedgwick.

THEODORE TART, 2127 W. Maypole.

ARTHUR L. NECKER, 3827 N. Fremont.

E. PURTELL, 2049 N. Kenmore, Lincoln 8455.

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MR. \_\_\_\_\_ NIX, 1205 N. State, telephone, Whitehall 5158.

IRA SILBAR, 8951 S. Commercial, telephone, Regent 4625.

CHARLES SOLTIS, (was Sowtis, Sotis) 8155 So. Loomis Blvd., telephone Wentworth 3845.

SOUTH SHORE NATIONAL BANK, 7054 S. Jeffery, N. B., telephone Midway 5400.

SEYMOUR STEINMAN, 6630 S. Minerva Avenue, telephone Hyde Park 5691.

RUDOLPH STREIT, 449 W. Webster, telephone Lincoln 4040.

ROSE TOFERGEL, 3538 W. 5th, telephone Van Buren 0923.

JOSEPH J. ZULAWSKI (a Virginia Zulawski), 2880 W. Clark, telephone Lake V. 0234.

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois:

Will continue investigation of subject's activities.

Will obtain Selective Service data concerning subject at the Local Draft Board #69, located at 3701 North Halsted, Chicago, Illinois.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 9-16-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-1, 17, 19; 7-2, 8-11-43	REPORT MADE BY LEWIS M. LAMASTER IML:MAB
TITLE CHANGED: PHILIP BART, was, Philip Beral, Philip Strauss, "Phil"			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Sworn statements of subject on Selective Service documents reflect BART organizer for Communist Party, Illinois-Indiana District. States he was born Warsaw, Poland under name of BERLAL, but is now United States citizen. Order number 11115. Serial number is 767. Social Security number is 356-14-9954. Married CONSTANCE STRAUSS at St. Louis, Mo. 3-1-41. Description set out.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated August 4, 1943.  
Bureau file No. 100-3284.

DETAILS:

The title of this report is being designated as changed in order to reflect additional alias of subject, who was born as PHILIP BERLAL.

Mr. WARREN E. BUSCHLER, Chief Clerk, Selective Service Board #69, 3701 North Halsted, Chicago, Illinois, made available to the writer the file of the subject, PHILIP BART, which file was photostated and a copy is being forwarded to the Bureau, other copies being retained in the Chicago Field Division file.

The subject registered with the above Board on February 16, 1942 at which time he stated that his name was PHILIP BART, and resided at 1022 Dakin St., Chicago, Ill., telephone Graceland 1468. He further stated that he was born June 28, 1902 at Warsaw, Poland.

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The registration card further reflects that the person who will always know his address is CONSTANCE S. BART, 1022 Dakin St. It is further stated by subject BART that his employer's name and address is the Communist Party, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The subject's serial number is 767, and his Order number is 11115.

On the subject's questionnaire, form 40, subject states that his name is PHILIP BART and that he was also known by the name of PHILIP BERAL, and added that his name was legally changed in the courts of New York.

Under the section regarding the registrant's occupation subject states that he is presently employed as organizer for the Communist Party doing administrative and organizational work and that at the time of this statement (August 10, 1942) he had had ten years experience in this kind of work and was paid \$27.00 per week. In this section the subject further declares that he is a regular permanent employee, having worked in his present job for ten years, and his employer is the Communist Party, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, whose business is a political party.

The subject declares that he has worked in the states of Illinois and Indiana within the past two years.

The subject states that he lives with his wife, CONSTANCE BART, whom he married at St. Louis, Missouri March 1, 1941.

Under Section 9, relating to citizenship of registrant, the subject declared that he was born at Warsaw, Poland June 28, 1902 and that he is a citizen of the United States.

The latest classification action of Board 69 regarding subject was that he was placed in class 4-H February 5, 1943.

The subject's occupational questionnaire reflects that he received seven years grammar school education and four years of trade school education. Subject states on said questionnaire that he is a citizen of the United States and at the present time his job is that of organizer and speaker, doing administrative work, and has been so engaged since 1932. The subject revealed his employer to be the Communist Party, Illinois-Indiana District, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois. The subject disclosed that the title of the job for which he was next best fitted was that of upholsterer, at which trade he was engaged in from 1924 through 1928.

Subject also reveals that he was a printer from 1921 to 1924, being particularly engaged as a compositor. The subject's Social Security number

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is reflected to be 356-14-9954.

On August 10, 1943 Special Agent W. ALBERT STEWART, Jr. of the Chicago Field Division, examined the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Chicago regarding subject's naturalization, but no record regarding him in the Chicago office was found.

For the benefit of the auxiliary Field Offices, for whom undeveloped leads are being set out, subject PHILIP BART is organizational secretary of the Communist Party, presently directing the registration of Communist Party members, with headquarters in Chicago.

BART has had a long career as a Communist Party organizer, having served as District Secretary in Indiana and presently working closely with MORRIS CHILDS and ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, the two leading members in the Chicago area.

On June 17, June 19, and July 2, by personal observation by the writer of the subject's premises at 1022 West Dakin St., on each occasion there was parked in front of this address a 1937 Ford, two-door Sedan, bearing Indiana license plates number 491-248. These were 1942 plates, with the 1943 renewal.

Records of the Labor Detail of the State Attorney's office, Cook County, Illinois, were examined by Sergeant GRIFFIN with negative results.

The description of the subject, as reflected by his Selective Service registration card on February 16, 1942, was as follows:

Date of birth	June 28, 1902
Place of birth	Warsaw, Poland
Height	5 ft. 8 in.
Weight	165 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black (somewhat bald)
Complexion	Dark

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION:

At Indianapolis, Indiana:

Will ascertain ownership of 1937 Ford bearing Indiana license number 491-248.

ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION:

At St. Louis, Missouri:

Will examine records of the marriage license bureau to verify subject's marriage to CONSTANCE STRAUSS and obtain pertinent information from such records, if available.

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION:

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

Will examine records of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization to ascertain the citizenship status of the subject.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Chicago, Illinois**

FILE NO. **61-58**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/16/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/23/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>DONALD W. CHASE</b> <span style="float: right;">DWC:MSS</span>
TITLE  <b>PHILIP BART, was,</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject main speaker at two closed meetings and one open meeting in Indpls. Acted as leader at 1st Ind. State Communist conference since 1929. Advocated deeper union penetration, more activity in civilian defence, and more second front propaganda.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent DOUGLAS J. WILLIAMS dated at Indianapolis, Indiana September 30, 1941.

**DETAILS:**

**AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.**

IPS-1221-ND advised that in January, 1943, the Indianapolis Section of the Communist Party sponsored a meeting, subject of which was "HITLER being defeated in 1943". It was presented under the auspices of the LENIN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE and PHIL BART from Chicago was the principal speaker. This meeting was to be a meeting open to the public and POWERS HARRISON of the C.I.O. consul, PHIL BART, and ALBERT STUMP, speaker from the Office of Civilian Defense, were to have parts in the program. A little trouble developed with the meeting, especially as to a place to hold the meeting and they decided to donate the proceeds to the RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF and the U.S.O. IPS-1221-ND advised that after the meeting which was held on January 30, 1943, he was in the office of ELMER JOHNSON, ORRA RIVIO, and PHIL BART and the following conversation took place: JOHNSON advised that they didn't do so well financially. After the conversation had gone on for sometime, JOHNSON stated he really must send \$5.00

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to the U.S.O. and RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF and BART stated, "Say that it was from profits of the meeting".

The same informant advised that another series of meetings was held in June, 1943 at which time BART again came to Indianapolis to participate in the meetings. This informant overheard a conversation between BART and JOHNSON at which time BART said to JOHNSON, "ELMER, we want to get hold of this bunch of trade union guys and discuss this whole strike situation. Let's find out what it will cost to put this statement from the National Committee in the paper. How about the Sunday Star? Nobody but the Communists are talking out against this Fascist strike". He was referring to the coal strike. ----- "We will take it to the business manager. He wants the business and won't refuse it just because it is an ad placed by the Communist Party. The editor might, so don't take it to him". Later in the conversation, BART stated that the big problem of the Party in Indianapolis was what the recruiter was doing. He advised that they should be made to feel responsible for club subscriptions to the worker and for keeping their recruits in the Party. He recommended the organizing of big general branch meetings and having them carefully planned. He also stated that they ought to have organized a city-wide meeting for political education.

On the evening of June 4, 1943, a closed meeting was held according to same informant at the Party office with RUSH doing most of the speaking and a large portion of the very active membership being present. At this meeting, BART spoke as follows: "First, we will spend a few moments on the big happenings of the last few weeks. As you remember, there was an announcement that the Communist International had been dissolved. -- Does this mean that the Communists are weaker? Does it mean that the Communist Party had been dissolved all over the world as most of the newspapers put it, especially our enemies. -- The Communist Party played a poor role in the affairs of the C. I. -- After the C. I. dissolved, MARTIN DIES said and it was a slip, I assure you, that his committee would now dissolve. Of course he straightened this out when he got new orders from Berlin. -- Today we are fighting a peoples' war and we can't afford to have anything like the Communists International, that the enemy can use for ammunition, against our united front. -- Don't people talk about united nations now? Isn't there a closer union between labor all over the world? International unity was not weakened by the C. I. and as a result of twenty-five years experience, the Communist Party in every country can stand on its own feet. They don't need the C. I. any more. This is a credit to our party and our secretary MAPL BROWDER. / --- We are now entering a new and crucial phase of the war. The second front is no longer a dream. What made it possible? First, STALINGRAD, and you must never forget that; second, the Germans failed to break Moscow. The fight at STALINGRAD gave Britain and the United States time to prepare for victory in North Africa. --- Someday, we will find a fight by the reactionaries for a negotiated peace. We want to beat Japan, but first we must beat HITLER. We are

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prepared for a battle in Europe and not in the Pacific. -- The Communists can't speak for the bosses, but we can speak for the workers, today the Communist Party fights against strikes and the National Association of Manufacturers fights for strikes. This would never had happened five years ago. --- When an important issue comes up in the Ore Workers' Union, we have a Party voice to speak up through. I frankly admit that we are weak in the Miners' Union, but by God I promise you we will build a Party there and defeat JOHN L. LEWIS, we did it once in 1927 and we can do it again. -- I know we are all working hard at our jobs, but we aren't making any sacrifices. Just look at the workers in Russia and rejoice, that's all. --- We have to get out people interested in the Party and educate them not just by holding classes, but educate them in every phase of the Party functions. Our main problem now is to get every member in the Party to read the Daily Worker -- and to break down this feeling that the Worker is an illegal paper. Now, in doing this, I don't mean that we are ready to come right out in the CHEVROLET plant and say that we are members of the Communist Party, but we are ready to start talking Communism more freely. If you Klux Klan and the Fascists can get away with their stuff openly, then should we, the Communists, who are fighting for ROOSEVELT and the war effort "anything"?

Confidential informant T-1 advised that the state-wide conference of the Communist Party officials for the State of Indiana was held in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 21, 1943, and subject spoke as follows: This is the first Indiana conference since 1929. Our Party is not an organization to give an opinion. It helps to determine them. The main task still remains to be united military strategy. If there is no second front today and our soldiers are being killed, we are to blame. Now is the opportunity to destroy HITLER. No one in history has been able to carry on successfully a war on so many fronts at one time as Russia. In this country, there is a hesitation to mobilize the whole program because of the peoples lack of courage and because of the defeatists in the United States. It was recently proposed in the Senate that the United States would not be fully ready for an offensive until 1944. HITLER's agents could not have made a better proposal. -- Because of the obstructionists, we are in a crucial stage of the war. Some unions are supporting these obstructions and it is our job to whip them out. -- To our Party, we must not become just a register for events. We must change them. For a while, we thought production was most important, but after reading PROUDER's book again, you will see that a second front is most important. Get into labor. There must be a greater political unity. We want people to hear us say in shops, Mr. President, we are back again, we must discuss problems with the workers and we want the congressmen to know that the Communists are driving them to get things done. A second front is urgent for us now. -- We must consider that thousands of women are coming into industry today who have had no former contact with the labor movement and easily succumb to anti-labor movements. If we don't get them organized, we aren't doing our job. Show them the role in the trade unions, in industry, and in the prosecution of the war. The Young Communists League has given us the best example of this.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/16/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/2/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. P. McKNAMIN</b>
TITLE <b>PHILIP BART, was</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record at Central Office Immigration and Naturalization Service of subject having been naturalized or of subject having registered as an alien.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File 100-3294.  
Report of Special Agent LEWIS E. LA MASTER, dated September 16, 1943 at Chicago.

**DETAILS:**

AT PHILADELPHIA:

Mrs. HARRIET E. DAYTON, Information Clerk at the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised that a search of the records of that Office failed to disclose any information concerning the subject.

Mrs. SUSAN HARDY of the Registration Division of Immigration and Naturalization Service also advised that a search of the records of that Division failed to disclose any information concerning the subject.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-11-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-8-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD J. MCGOWAN EJM:ws</b>
TITLE <b>PHILIP BART, with aliases: Philip Beral, Philip Strauss, "Phil"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b>      Records of Confidential Informant T-1 show that PHILIP BART claims naturalization by deviation, his father having been naturalized in Federal Court in New York City on July 5, 1919.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b>              Report of Special Agent LEWIS M. LAMASTER dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 16, 1943.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b>                <u>At Chicago, Illinois</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The records of Confidential Informant T-1 were examined by Special Agent GEORGE D. O'CONNOR and reflected that PHILIP BART, 1022 West Dakin Street, Chicago, claims naturalization by deviation, his father having been naturalized in Federal Court, New York City District, on July 5, 1919.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Subject gave his father's name as BENJAMIN and it is not known whether subject's father was naturalized under the name of BART, BERLAL or STRAUSS.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">PHILIP BART registered with Confidential Informant T-1 on October 5, 1942, stating that he had been born in Poland, June 28, 1902, and had been a resident of the State of Illinois for eighteen months.</p>			
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York

Through the records of the Federal Court in New York City will verify the naturalization of BENJAMIN BART, BERAL or STRAUSS on July 5, 1919.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Through regular confidential informants of this Office, will continue to obtain information regarding subject's Communist activities.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/24/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/3, 3/1, 4/22, 24, 28/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD J. MC GOWAN    EJM:MLB</b>
TITLE <b>PHILIP BART, with aliases: Philip Beral, Philip Strauss, "Phil"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** PHILIP BART, 1022 West Dakin Street, Chicago, Illinois, is Organizational Secretary, District No. 8, Communist Party, U.S.A. Information regarding Party activities and attendance at meetings set out. Subject active in Party recruiting. Was on platform with EARL BROWDER September 23, 1943, at Civic Opera House. Spoke at educational and organizational conference of District No. 8 on October 24, 1943.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent JOHN G. KEENAN dated March 20, 1944, at New York, New York.

**DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:**

**RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS**

PHIL BART resides at 1022 West Dakin Street, Chicago, Illinois. His address was verified on March 8, 1944, by the Chicago Police Department as reflected in a letter from the Police Department received at this Office on March 11, 1944.

In his capacity as Organizational Secretary of District 8, Communist Party, U.S.A., BART has his business address at Party Headquarters, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

**ACTIVITIES**

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Information received from Confidential Informants  

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CGO-5021 and CGO-5032, all of whom are known to the Bureau, shows that PHIL BART is Organizational Secretary of District No. 8, Communist Party, U.S.A.

Reports of these and other informants show that BART is a very active Party official and is in frequent attendance at Party meetings and affairs.

Set out hereafter in this report are pertinent informants' reports regarding BART's activities. To avoid being repetitious, reports of attendance at all meetings will not be set out.

On January 16, 1942, this Office received a letter from the Office of Civilian Defense stating that PHILIP BART, 1022 Dakin Street, had stated in a letter to OCD "I am an organizer for the Communist Party. I am available as a speaker, work in an office, have been a painter for many years." He also claimed experience in demolition work.

[ ] reported that on August 4, 1942 MORRIS CHILDS, PHIL BART and ELMER JOHNSON were on the convention floor at the convention of the United Auto Workers lobbying for the election of Communist organizers to the Executive Committee of that Union. b7D

[ ] reported that on February 15, 1943 the Communist Party had decided to take over complete control of the Chicago Industrial Union Council through the efforts of the Executive Committee of District No. 8, C.P., U.S.A., of which Subject was reported to be a member by Informant.

[ ] reported that on February 21, 1943 PHIL BART helped plan and then attended a conference on "The Role of the A.F.L. in the Struggle for Victory." Between thirty-five and thirty-eight members of the A.F.L. Railroad Brotherhood and Communist Party attended, and the guest speaker was ROSE WORTIS, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party. PHIL BART proposed a resolution be drafted and a message sent to the Red Army on its twenty-first anniversary, conveying the support of "their neighbors across the street." b7D

[ ] reported that PHIL BART, District Organizational Secretary, had mailed a circular letter to all members on March 12, calling attention to the city-wide membership drive and roll call for Party recruiters on Sunday, March 22, at Forrester Hall.

This Informant later advised that Subject was Chairman of this meeting on March 28.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that on April 4, 1943 BART was the principal speaker at a Communist Party meeting at the Jefferson Hotel, Peoria, Illinois. He spoke in an effort to increase Party membership and explained Party policy on several matters.

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[ ] advised that PHIL BART was on the platform at a special membership meeting dedicated to the Italian-American organizations on April 7, 1943. This meeting was addressed by PETER V. CACCHIONE, Italian Councilman from Brooklyn, New York. On the platform along with BART and CACCHIONE were ROMOLO PASSARELLI and ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, District Chairman of the Communist Party.

[ ] whose identities are known to the Bureau, advised that PHIL BART was working on the Communist Party recruiting drive during April and May, 1943. b7D

BART spoke at a Communist Party meeting at the Hamilton Hotel on April 26, 1943, according to Bureau Informants CA-11 and [ ]

[ ] reported that the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity entertained BEN DAVIS, Jr., member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, at a luncheon and smoker at 4432 South Berwyn on May 8, 1943. PHIL and CONSTANCE BART were among the guests, according to Informant.

On May 9, 1943, according to [ ] Subject was on the speakers' platform at the Chicago Second Front rally held under the auspices of the Communist Party at the Armory, 16th and Michigan. Three thousand people were present, and BEN DAVIS was the guest speaker. b7D

Bureau Informant [ ] reported that a special luncheon in honor of PHIL BART was held on May 11, 1943 at the Sherman Hotel. MORRIS CHILDS, District Secretary, acted as chairman and gave BART full credit for the successful recruiting campaign.

Bureau Informant [ ] advised on May 18, 1943 that he had learned from ALFRED WAGENKNECHT that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER had paid PHIL BART a compliment by stating that FOSTER and the Party are highly pleased with BART's activities and hope he will continue his fine work. b7D

Bureau Informants [ ] and [ ] stated that on June 6, 1943 PHIL BART and his wife, CONNIE BART, were among those attending the Victory Press Conference of the Daily Worker at the Hamilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

CGO-5021 advised that PHIL BART attended the Communist Party National Convention in New York in June, 1943, returning to Chicago on June 17. On June 5, according to this Informant, BART had been in Indianapolis.

On June 22, 1943, [ ] reported that PHIL BART had been among the Party members actively assisting in the planning of a "tribute to the Soviet Union" in commemoration of Russia's second anniversary of the attack by HITLER. b7D

Bureau Informant [ ] advised that PHIL BART was among those attending the Illinois-Indiana conference of the Communist Party at the Hamilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on June 27, 1943.

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[ ] advised that on July 3, 1943 BART spoke at the annual Communist Party picnic at Pilsen Park, covering the recruiting drive and stating that District No. 8 had a total membership of more than 5,000.

Bureau Informant [ ] also reported seeing BART at this picnic and further advised that the following day Subject put in an appearance at the July 4 celebration of the Croatian Branch of the Communist Party at 9614 Commercial Avenue. b7D

[ ] furnished the following information:

On July 8, 1943, a special meeting was called of the Steel Branch and the Street Branch of the Lake County Communist Party. This meeting was held at the Spanish Castle, 700 West 11th Avenue, Gary, Indiana. The purpose of this meeting was to announce the merger of the two branches into the Gary Party Branch. Among the persons present at this meeting was the Subject, who made a speech announcing that the Section Headquarters in Chicago had formulated the plans for the merger, which was being made for the purpose of saving expenses and increasing the effectiveness of meetings. During the speech BART also mentioned Russia's offensive against Germany and condemned the capitalists' papers for placing information concerning this offensive on the back pages. He said that it was therefore necessary for the Party members to subscribe to the Daily Worker in order that they may continue to get the truth.

At a press fund drive picnic of the American Czech-Slovak organization under the direction of JOHN VACULIK, President, PHIL BART spoke on the press fund drive, the program of the Worker and the Daily Worker and the plans of the Party for a unified effort toward the goal desired by the Party in the forthcoming presidential election. This information was received from Bureau Confidential Informant [ ] on July 18, 1943.

At a press drive meeting on August 2, 1943, which meeting was called by the Illinois State Committee of the Communist Party, PHIL BART presided and reviewed the figures on the drive for District No. 8, according to Bureau Informant [ ] b7D

[ ] advised on August 20, 1943 that MORRIS CHILDS stated at an executive committee meeting on August 12 that trade union Communist Party "activists" led by ROY HUDSON and including PHIL BART were fighting the anti-Communist faction which was attempting to gain control of the American Labor Party.

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that on August 16, 1943 PHIL BART attended a Communist Party meeting at Party Headquarters in Indianapolis.

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BART gave a speech regarding the need for reorganizing the branches of the Party.

This Informant also advised that BART had been the principal speaker at the State Convention of the Communist Party in Indiana on August 13, 1943.

Indianapolis Confidential Informant [ ] advised that there was a Lake County Section Committee meeting on September 14, 1943, at 1248 Broadway, Gary, Indiana. There were nine persons present at this meeting, including the Subject.

HOWARD LAWRENCE, Party Section Organizer in Gary, announced that this was a special meeting called because of the presence of PHIL BART in Gary. b7D

BART discussed the delinquent Party members who belong to the Lake County Communist Party. He said that although the Calumet Region has a membership of 300 there are 150 who are not in good standing.

He pointed out that the Party has a lot of expenses to pay in Gary, including the salary of a full-time organizer and the rent of a Communist Party office.

BART pointed out that Gary is the largest steel center in the world and therefore should have three thousand Party members instead of only 300. He said that a lot of the old-time Party members are becoming inactive and that they should be recontacted. He also suggested that the Party membership be divided into groups of from twelve to fifteen with a lieutenant or chairman in charge of each group who would have the responsibility of collecting the dues and see that the members of the group remained active in the Party.

BART also mentioned that a Communist Party Political Committee had been formed in Indianapolis. The purpose of this Committee is to determine the candidates who are favorable to labor so that the Communist Party can give them support. BART also mentioned that the Party should put pressure on our Senators in order to induce them to open a second front. He also discussed the Allied invasion of Italy and condemned the Allies for being so slow in taking over Italy after its surrender. He said "When a country surrenders you would think the conquerors would be ready to take over."

A Bureau informant advised that on September 16, 1943 PHIL BART attended a meeting of the Communist Party District Executive Committee in a room on the third floor of 30 North Wells Street.

[ ] submitted photographs of individuals seated on the speakers' platform at the Civic Opera House for the speech of EARL BROWDER on September 23, 1943. [ ] identified one of these individuals as PHIL BART. Copies of the photographs are being retained in the files of this Office. b7D

[ ] and CGO-5021 advised during October, 1943 that PHIL BART as active for the Party in looking into the affairs of the Packing House Workers of America,



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C.I.O., that BART was to write an article for the Daily Worker on difficulties arising between the Packing House Workers and the Armour Company and that he had discussed the Armour situation with IRVING HERMANN, south side organizer of the Communist Party.

[ ] reported that PHIL BART was among those present at a house party given by the Steel Section of the Communist Party in honor of the Section Organizer, JOHN SCHMIES, on October 15, 1943. b7D

According to [ ] BART spoke at an educational and organizational conference of District No. 8, Communist Party, U.S.A., on October 24, 1943. Comrades SAM DON and JOHN WILLIAMSON were at this conference.

CGO-5021 advised that on November 1, 1943 PHIL BART was in New York City and that he was expected to return to Chicago on November 3.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that on November 11, 1943 PHIL BART spoke before the midwest conference of the Communist Party at the Sherman Hotel. He spoke on the Party membership drive, Party building campaign, the Daily Worker and Negro recruiting.

It was ascertained from a highly confidential source on November 21, 1943 at 2827 Pine Grove Avenue at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Illinois-Indiana District, Communist Party, U.S.A. that PHIL BART talked on "Problems in Indiana" and pointed with pride to his and ELMER JOHNSON's record in steering the C.I.O. State Convention along Communist Party lines.

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that on November 26, 1943 PHIL BART was the principal speaker at an Executive Committee meeting of the Communist Party at 1248 Broadway, Gary, Indiana. b7D

Bureau Informant [ ] advised that on December 1, 1943 BART was at an educational meeting of District No. 8, Communist Party, U.S.A., in the American Room of the Hamilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. BART recommended that the comrades should read such basic Communist Party literature as "People's Front," the Daily Worker and The Communist.

CGO-5021 advised that PHIL BART had been in New York early in January and was scheduled to return to Chicago at 10 a.m. January 14, 1944.

CGO-5105, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that PHIL BART made the first speech at a meeting of the Illinois-Indiana District Committee, Midland Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on January 23, 1944. In this instance he acted as temporary chairman. Later during the meeting BART spoke on "Party Building."

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CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will through regular confidential informants of this Field Division continue to obtain information regarding PHIL BART's Communist activities.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/22/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/11, 16/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ALBERT R. OILLION</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>ERG:CMW</b></span>
TITLE <b>PHILIP BART, was, Philip Beral, Philip Strauss, "Phil"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject in Indianapolis 8/8-13/44. Conferred with C.P.A. leaders and met with committees on finance, press, literature and membership as well as negro leaders. Was principal speaker at C.P.A. membership meeting 8/8/44 at Palm Room, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis. Conferred with state secretary-treasurer OIO-PAO 8/11/44, making suggestions for PAO program. Subject reported in contact with OIO leaders at Evansville, Ind., 8/14/44.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 100-3284.

**DETAILS:**

The following investigation at Indianapolis, Indiana, was initiated upon receipt of information from Confidential Informant IPS-1221-ND on August 2, 1944, to the effect that INOCENT POSTON JOHNSON, city Communist Political Association secretary, had stated that PHIL BART would be in Indianapolis from August 8 to August 13, 1944. It was indicated that BART would arrive in Indianapolis on August 8 in time to make the principal address at a membership meeting of the Communist Political Association in Indianapolis that evening.

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CITY WIDE C.P.A. MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
August 8, 1944  
Palm Room, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Confidential Informants [ ] have furnished information to the effect that a city wide meeting of the membership of the Communist Political Association and their families was held in the Palm Room of the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, on the evening of August 8, 1944. A mimeographed announcement of this meeting which was distributed to Communist Political Association membership advertised that the principal address would be made by PHILIP BART, secretary of the Indiana-Illinois District of the C.P.A. and that there would be exhibited at the meeting a movie entitled, "The Negro Soldier."

According to informants who attended this meeting there were 64 individuals present, 19 of whom were negroes. The only Communist Political Association business transacted was the adoption of a resolution for the establishment of a new city wide club of the Communist Political Association and for the elections of its officers at a subsequent meeting.

The principal address by BART was a discussion of the program of the Communist Political Association in the 1944 fall elections. He pointed out that it is vital to labor and to the welfare of the country to retain President ROOSEVELT and his administration in office. He emphasized the necessity for all Communists and labor union members to direct their efforts toward obtaining the registration of voters who would support the ROOSEVELT ticket in November.

BART emphasized the interest of the negro race in participating in these election activities. He asserted that the negro race had been benefited more by the ROOSEVELT administration than by the 15 Republican administrations preceding. The remainder of the remarks dealt generally with the subject of the elections and politics.

Following his address, the film, "The Negro Soldier," was exhibited and depicted the part played by the negroes in the United States Army from the Civil War to the present time.

CONFERENCES WITH C.P.A. LEADERS & COMMITTEES

From August 9, until August 12, 1944, BART was in frequent contact with ELMER JOHNSON, State President of the Communist Political

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Association, ELMER POSTON JOHNSON, City Secretary, and other local leaders of the Communist Political Association, discussing matters of Communist policy and program and making suggestions for the improvement of the local organization.

At 2:00 PM on August 9, he met with the Finance Committee at party headquarters, 401 Board of Trade Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. According to Confidential Informant IPS-1331-MD who was also present, BART suggested to this committee that its record in dues collections was not satisfactory and that results might be improved if one night each week were set aside as "pick up night." This night would be the regular time for dues collectors to report to the office and turn in the money collected for that week. He suggested that the Communist Political Association membership be broken down into groups with one individual in a group responsible for the collection of the dues of ten other members.

The committee did not indicate whether this plan would be adopted but there was no dissent from BART's suggestion.

At 7:30 PM on August 9, BART met with the City Central Committee of the Indianapolis Communist Political Association at party headquarters and engaged in a discussion with the committee members present with regard to the merits of a number of individuals whose names were suggested as possible officers for the new city wide Communist Political Association club which is in the process of organization.

BART showed familiarity with the qualifications and personalities of these individuals whose names were suggested by ELMER JOHNSON for these positions.

He gave the committee a long talk on the qualities necessary for Communist Political Association leadership, pointing out that the Communist must now work with the masses and that Indianapolis Communist Political Association leaders must be more active in developing new leaders in the association. He asserted that the association should work more openly in the city of Indianapolis, according to Confidential Informant T-1 who was present.

When the committee was unable to decide upon an individual for the position of president of the new city club, BART suggested that a temporary appointment be made until the proper person could be found and they acted in accordance with this suggestion. BART stated that the new club should

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have two types of committees, (1) organizational and (2) publicity. He advised that the Chicago Headquarters of the Illinois-Indiana District would issue a charter as soon as the new club is organized and the name is decided upon.

The Press Committee and the Literature Committee of the Indianapolis Communist Political Association held a joint meeting at party headquarters at 7:30 PM on August 10, 1944, which was called at the request of BART and was attended by him. Confidential Informant T-2 reported that following a discussion of the efforts of the press committee to obtain additional subscriptions to the Worker in Indianapolis, BART commented that whenever anything of interest occurs in this city an article should be sent in to the Daily Worker so that it would contain news of this district.

In discussing the promotion of Communist Political Association literature, BART emphasized to those present that the first job of the Literature Committee is to push EARL BROWDER's latest book, "Tehran--Our Path in War & Peace." He stated that a wide circulation of this book would be a great help and influence in the coming elections and the Communist Political Association particularly wants its distribution emphasized among the labor unions. He declared that certain quotas have been set up within the various unions and it is expected that the committee will also canvass residential neighborhoods such as Lockfield Gardens, local colored housing project.

In connection with the above solicitations, BART suggested that the Communist Political Association members distribute the free leaflet containing the article of Doctor CHANNING TOBIAS, "DREWRY is Unfit To Be President."

Shortly after his arrival in Indianapolis BART indicated to KIMBER JOHNSON in the presence of IPS-1321-ND that he was interested in meeting with a number of the negro Communist Political Association leaders in Indianapolis during his visit here. As a result of this request JOHNSON arranged a meeting between BART and four negro leaders in the Frederick Douglass Club of Indianapolis on August 11, at 8:30 PM.

According to Confidential Informant T-3, KIMBER JOHNSON opened this discussion by pointing out that the objective of the Communist Political Association is to influence people generally to support President ROOSEVELT in the 1944 elections and that the negroes will play a big role in these

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elections. He asserted that the problem of the Frederick Douglass Club is to build a non partisan negro movement behind ROOSEVELT in cooperation with the CIO Political Action Committee and to bring out that the Republican Presidential candidate THOMAS DEWEY has set aside all the good ideas of negro groups in New York.

PHIL BART continued the discussion by outlining the proposed political activity among negroes stating that first a pamphlet should be pressed out to every member of the Douglass Club setting forth DEWEY's record for the purpose of furnishing these negroes with an argument. Then a booklet should be distributed every two weeks answering some question on the campaign and on current political issues.

He pointed out the desirability of negro leaders holding meetings with their groups and instruct those in attendance on these political issues. He declared, "Our big weakness is lack of organization."

BART pointed out that DEWEY is attempting to interject into the campaign the Communist issue. For this reason the Communist Political Association should focus its attention on the organization of a non partisan committee and it would be desirable if some businessman in the community would take over the formation of these committees. He declared that thus far the political action groups have been wasting too much time in organization and that the negroes should contact their union officials, ask them for names of workers in the neighborhood, and go out and call on these workers directly.

He advised them not to wait on the political action committees within the unions because these committees thus far are not moving.

An informal discussion was conducted by BART with respect to membership activities on August 12, 1944, with IPS-1222-WO, INOCHEN POSZON JOHNSON and BARTHA KRETHROTIS, Dues and Membership Chairman.

In the course of the discussion it developed that the present handling of dues and finances by POSZON is unsatisfactory because membership and organizational activities take up the bulk of her time. It therefore was agreed, partially upon the suggestion of BART, that KRETHROTIS would take over the matter of dues collection and finances and would keep the party financial records thus permitting POSZON to devote all of her time to membership and organization.

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IP3-1231-ND learned on August 11, 1944, that BART planned to contact MILTON HOLLER, an individual who is in the United States Army, and stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Informant gained the impression that HOLLER is the son-in-law of one WINNER who was at one time under trial with EARL BROWDER. Informant did not learn the reason for this proposed contact except that MORRIS CHILDS had given BART instructions to effect the same.

CONFERENCES REGARDING POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

On August 10, 1944, BART suggested to ELMER JOHNSON and IMOSAHN POSTON JOHNSON in the presence of IP3-1231-ND that he would like to talk to ELMER JOHNSON, CLARENCE LYONS and LEROY ROBERTS at some time before August 13, 1944, to work out a concrete definite program for presentation to the state wide CIO Industrial Union Council meeting at Bloomington, Indiana, on August 13. It is noted that CLARENCE LYONS and LEROY ROBERTS are active on the Political Action Committee of the UAW-CIO in Indianapolis.

The same informant advised on August 11, 1944, that BART planned to confer in his hotel room, #302, Warren Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, at 5:00 PM with JOHNSON and WALTER FRISBIE, State Secretary-Treasurer of the CIO Political Action Committee and the CIO Industrial Union Council.

As a result of this information Special Agent J. STANLEY BOTE and the writer observed that JOHNSON entered the lobby of the Warren Hotel at 4:30 PM on this date and was joined by WALTER FRISBIE at 4:55 PM. After remaining in the cocktail lounge of the hotel until 5:03 PM these persons took the elevator to the third floor of the hotel and were observed by the writer to knock on the door of Room 302 and to be admitted by its occupant. Hotel records reflected that the room at that time was occupied by PHILIP BART.

These individuals remained together in Room 302 until 6:26 PM during which time they engaged in a discussion of the program to be followed in the state of Indiana by the CIO Political Action Committee between the present time and election day in November.

The substance of the conversation as reported by Confidential Informants T-4 and IP3-2776-ND was as follows:



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PHIL BART opened the conference by suggesting in substance that the time for talking in generalities with respect to political action had passed and that it is necessary for FRISBIE and the Political Action Committee to work out a definite concrete program and put the same in effect immediately. He suggested that the efforts of the committee should be concentrated on industrial areas like Anderson, Kokomo, Connersville, New Castle, Fort Wayne, Lake County, and Evansville, Indiana.

FRISBIE asked BART what he had in mind by way of an organization- al set up and pointed out that precinct political action committees might be appointed which would be responsible to ward committees which would be responsible to the Political Action Committee chairman. Thereupon BART observed that many Indiana communities were not organized actually on a ward and precinct basis but rather were split up into township units.

He stated that in his opinion much valuable time would be lost in attempting to set up an organization in every precinct and that FRISBIE's committee should follow the course of organizing the program on a township basis so that the township committees could go directly to the workers and Communist Political Association members and explain to them definitely what is expected of them in connection with the political action program.

BART continued that in connection with obtaining the registrations of union members for the fall election someone should be responsible for the program point by point and FRISBIE should require that certain things be completed by certain dates. FRISBIE replied that some major activities should be planned along this line but that so far there had been no one to work out the details. He explained that his trouble is that he is holding down two full time jobs.

Thereupon BART stated that a committee of three comprised of ELMER JOHNSON, WALTER FRISBIE, and LEROY ROBERTS should sit down and work out a concrete master plan which might be applied to the city of Indianapolis and later to the other communities in Indiana.

He suggested that a survey be conducted in communities like Anderson, Indiana, and that ten men from the community be selected to take charge of Political Action Committee activities there. These ten would in turn select workers from the union membership to assist them. Then a speaker could go to Anderson and give definite instructions to one of the original ten leaders and as small a number as six additional workers.

BART stated that even on the matter of registration a campaign could be made in which a definite date would be set by which all union

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members should be registered as voters in the state of Indiana. Instruction could be given on what they are expected to do on election day and on every other phase of the campaign. BART suggested that a small stamp might be devised for inserts into the union dues book of all members of the union which would indicate that the member had been registered by the Political Action Committee. When the union secretary checks on the dues status of the member he would also check to see whether this registration stamp is in place.

BART continued his observations by instructing FRISBIE that when the state convention of the IIO Industrial Union Council is held FRISBIE must give every single man a concrete plan of action. He asserted that the appeal should be made on the basis of re-electing ROOSEVELT and not along labor lines exclusively. He observed that there were some businessmen and capitalists who could be interested on this basis. He concluded by emphasizing that FRISBIE should not let anything stand in the way of concentration in the areas mentioned.

FRISBIE then agreed that he would take Indianapolis and work out a detailed plan of action down through the precincts and would then discuss this with JOHNSON after which they would work out detailed plans for the other communities along the same line.

BART warned that FRISBIE should not concern himself with precincts which are controlled by Republican political machines but should limit his program to precincts in which the political action committee had a chance, thereby eliminating much unnecessary organizational activity.

Thereupon FRISBIE attempted to summarize the conversation by stating that the conferees agreed on these things:

1. To concentrate their organizational efforts on the communities mentioned,
2. To establish promptly a definite program for checking on the registration of all union members, and
3. Organizing meetings or instructional sessions on a township or precinct basis depending upon the complexion of the community.

He stated also that the Political Action Committee should have its speakers concentrate on the election issues and the necessity

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of re-electing "F.D.R." He agreed entirely with the suggestions made by BART.

In connection with the initial contact of union members by the Political Action Committee, BART suggested that a pledge card should be prepared for signature by each union member in which the member would state that he recognized the coming election as one which was crucial in the welfare of the United States and that it was necessary to re-elect ROOSEVELT in order to win the war and preserve the gains of labor. The signer therefore pledges himself to support the president in the coming election.

He suggested further that the Political Action Committee should arrange for a special week in the registration of voters during which pamphlets and other literature would be circulated telling exactly why, where, when and how to register.

FRISBIE commented, "This is concrete action."

He inquired of BART whether the Political Action Committee should continue its emphasis on the soldier vote issue. BART replied that each union could do a job on that by sending literature to each union family in which there is a man in military service enclosing a ballot application for the soldier son and also inquiring as to whether the remaining family members are registered.

JOHNSON then asked FRISBIE whether he could present some of these ideas at a meeting to be held on Sunday, August 13, 1944, at Bloomington, Indiana, of the Industrial Union Council leaders in preparation for the state convention of that organization to be held later in the summer. FRISBIE agreed to this and BART suggested that he limit himself to general ideas and leave the details to approval by committee.

JOHNSON commented that the Political Action Committee should issue more material of interest to the negro people such as the TOBIAS statement which "does a good job on D VEX." He referred to the fact that the Riverside Amusement Park in Indianapolis had posted signs to the effect that colored trade is not solicited and that a number of negroes in Indianapolis could be of assistance to the Political Action Committee if given good material.

FRISBIE commented "Some of these things ought to be publicly blasted," and referred specifically to the refusal of a number of Indianapolis

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restaurants to serve negroes. He stated that the Political Action Committee could arrange to have some white individuals accompany negroes to these places to serve as witnesses to the refusal of service.

DART commented that this was an excellent idea. He then suggested that the Political Action Committee arrange some large meetings at which they might have some speakers like United States Senators KILGORE and WURNAY, or some speakers from the United States Army or Navy.

FRISBIE then volunteered that he and JIM (ROCK) were getting together the following night and "We'll put in force some of these ideas." JOHNSON observed that he would see LIMBOY (ROBERTS) on the same day and could arrange to meet FRISBIE on August 14 and that he "ought to have some pretty concrete stuff by then."

On August 12, 1944 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] attended a so-called meeting of "trade unionists" which had been arranged by ELMER JOHNSON, at the home of HERBERT KAUFMAN, 570 East 23rd Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. According to the informant approximately one dozen individuals were present at this meeting including DART. The discussion involved the program of the Political Action Committee in Indiana and DART's suggestions were substantially the same as previously set forth in connection with his conference on August 11 with JOHNSON and FRISBIE. For this reason the conversation is not being repeated at this point.

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Confidential Informant D'S-1231-MD ascertained on August 12, that DART planned to leave the city of Indianapolis early on August 13 and to visit the city of Evansville, Indiana, on August 13, 1944, at which time he planned to contact union leaders in that city. He did not advise informant as to the identity of any of these individuals.

Upon conclusion of his Evansville activity DART planned to return to Chicago on the night of August 14, 1944.

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**KEY TO INFORMANTS**

**Confidential Informants T-1, T-2, T-3:** IPS-1234-ND. Multiple designations are employed in the instance of this informant in order to protect his identity in view of the information furnished.

**Confidential Informant T-4:**

Physical surveillance by Special Agent ELBERT R. GILLION. Special Agent J. STANLEY ROTZ and Special Agent GILLION occupied Room 303, Warren Hotel, during the conference in Room 302, which is reported herein. Agent GILLION monitored the conversation directly without the aid of technical equipment by means of a door connecting the 2 rooms. Agent ROTZ monitored the conversation by means of a microphone surveillance for which the permanent symbol IPS-2778-ND has been designated.

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TITLE <b>PHILIP BART, W.S.S.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

PHILIP BART, 1022 West Dakin Street, Chicago, attended National Convention in May, where he was elected alternate to the National Committee; elected secretary of District #8 of Communist Political Association at District Convention in Chicago, June 10 and 11. Also member of District Committee, District Board and Cook County Committee. Has been active in recruiting and Daily Worker subscription drives. Accompanied LOUIS ADAMIC to mass meetings in Chicago and Gary, Indiana at which ADAMIC urged recognition of Marshal TITO. Other activities set out.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File No. 100-5284.

Report of Special Agent EDWARD A. MCGOWAN, dated May 24, 1944 at Chicago, Illinois.

**DETAILS:**

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

BART resides at 1022 West Dakin Street, Chicago, as verified by reporting agent on August 29, 1944.

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BART has his business address at the Headquarters of District #8, of the Communist Political Association, 208 North Wells Street.

#### COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

According to Cgo.-5021, BART was elected as an alternate to the National Committee of the Communist Political Association at the National Convention in New York City in May, 1944. This information also appeared in the May 25, 1944 issue of the Daily Worker.

On June 11, 1944 [ ] advised that BART had been elected secretary of District #8, of the Communist Political Association at the District Convention at the Midland Hotel in Chicago, on June 11, 1944. This information also appears in the June 15, 1944 issue of the Daily Worker. [ ] advised also that the SUBJECT was named one of the members of the District Board by the District Committee at this same convention. b7D

On June 20, 1944 [ ] advised that on that date BART had been named by the District Board to serve on the Cook County Committee.

#### BART'S ACTIVITIES

Information received from [ ] and [ ] as well as other informants, indicates that BART has been very active in Party affairs and has attended a great number of Party meetings. However, not all meetings attended by BART are being set out in this report, but only those in which he played a significant role. b7D

On January 20, 1944, according to [ ] he was advised by BART that all Party functionaries had been warned to be alert to the possibility of discovering factions of Polish reactionaries, which might be in opposition to the organization headed by LEO KRZYCKI. He did not name the particular organization which he had in mind, but KRZYCKI is known to be vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Chairman of the American Polish Labor Council and Regional Vice-President of the American Slav Congress. He was described by BART on that occasion as one of the leading front men of the Communist Party. b7D

[ ] reported that on January 25, 1944, at a conference at the Midland Hotel attended by specially invited Party leaders,

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BART discussed the projected recruiting drive and outlined the plan set up by the National Committee, as applied to District #8. He also discussed at that time, the past recruiting drives. He distributed application blanks for the recruiting of new members and informed them of the quotas set for the different branches. On that same date [ ] furnished a leaflet, distributed by BART, discussing the recruiting goal and the program to be followed at the district conferences on that date.

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On February 1, 1944, according to a Bureau source, BART made a report to the Executive Committee of District #8 concerning the number of conferences held in the District for the presentation of the new Communist Party line, as set forth by EARL BROWDER at the Communist Party National Committee Meeting in New York City. He also discussed at that time, the forthcoming recruiting and Daily Worker subscription drives, the different methods of publicizing the Communist Party line and the organization of a campaign to revoke the deportation of Mrs. EARL BROWDER.

On February 11, 1944, [ ] reported that a secret meeting of five of the highest local officers on February 15, 1944 would include SUBJECT.

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On February 16, 1944 a house party was held at the home of IRVING HERMAN, Organizational Secretary of the South Side Section, was held in HERMAN's honor. The only address at the meeting was given by BART, at which time he praised the work done by HERMAN and discussed the recruiting drive. He deplored the fact that about 50% of the recruits obtained in the 1943 drive had since been dropped for various reasons. He stated that many of these had been inducted into the Armed Forces, but that a great number had been lost as a result of being transferred from trade unions in order to concentrate on building into precincts and wards. He advised that the old members had failed to keep in touch with them after their transfer, causing them to lose interest in the Party.

BART advised Cgo.-5021, on February 19, 1944, that he had been instructed to obtain a list of all candidates or potential candidates for election in the State of Illinois and send them to GENE DENNIS, at National Headquarters. This list was to be studied for the purpose of ascertaining the Party attitude toward the candidates in the coming election.

Cgo.-5021 reported that on February 26, 1944 BART had severely criticized the Chicago Defender, a Negro weekly, for its failure to properly publicize the meeting in honor of BENJAMIN DAVIS on the South Side and advised that he intended to take strong measures. On that same date BART advised Informant that JAMES KELLER, Communist Party functionary in charge of A. F. of L. infiltration, would be in Chicago from March 11 to March 16, 1944 and that orders had been issued for the Sections of Chicago



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to have at least one Negro representative at the meeting from each A.F. of L. Union in which the Party had influence.

On February 19, 1944 BART addressed the meeting at which BENJAMIN J. DAVIS Jr., was present and pointed out in an address that the February 20th issue of the Daily Worker had carried a report that District #8 was over the top in their recruiting drive, but actually this report was in error, since the goal had not been reached.

On February 24, 1944 BART addressed a regular meeting of Branch IV East, according to [ ] concerning the recruiting drive and emphasized the correct manner of approach toward fellow employees concerning membership in the Communist Party.

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[ ] advised that on February 25, 1944 BART addressed a meeting of the South Side Organizers concerning the membership drive and on February 26, 1944, at the regular South Side meeting, he stated that whole families, rather than individuals, should be approached in the recruiting drive and emphasized particularly the necessity of obtaining women as members.

On February 29, 1944, at a Midwest Conference of the Communist Party at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, Cgo.-5104 reported that BART discussed the political situation in Illinois at considerable length. He pointed out that the rift between Chicago and the rest of the State was harmful to the Democratic Party and should be patched up, particularly since the Republican Party downstate in Illinois was split at the time. He stressed the need for organization and for removing the feeling of mistrust held for Communism by both the Democrats and the Republicans. He stated that the Communist Party was willing to compromise on its principles and emphasized at great length the need for controlling each local union so C.I.O. could be controlled nationally by the Communist Party.

On March 1, 1944 the monthly educational conference of District #8 was addressed by BART, at which time he urged that all members be induced to purchase the special edition of LENIN's works. He also discussed in detail the recommended methods of approach in obtaining recruits. This information was furnished by [ ]

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Cgo.-5027 advised that on March 3, 1944 BART had been contacted by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, concerning the advisability of attempting to secure a loan

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of \$1500 for the school from LEMENT HARRIS, of New York City.

On March 6, 1944 Cgo.-5021 reported that ROBERT WIRTZ, Communist Party Organizer in Springfield, Illinois, was about to be inducted into the Armed Forces and that he had been instructed by BART to give up all organizational work and to concentrate his entire efforts upon recruiting prior to induction.

On March 18, 1944, according to [ ] BART delivered the principal address at a meeting of the South Side Section and discussed the recruiting drive in detail. b7D

On March 19, 1944 LOUIS ADAMIC, President of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans, urged the recognition of Marshal JOSIP BROZOVICH (TITO) at a mass meeting in Chicago on the afternoon of March 19, 1944 and conducted a similar meeting at Gary, Indiana that evening, according to Cgo.-5021. BART accompanied ADAMIC from Chicago to Gary.

According to information received from a Bureau Informant, BART at a meeting of the District Executive Council on March 28, 1944, urged that all C.I.O. leaders take steps to see that all members register and vote.

On March 30, 1944 BART was the principal speaker at the 46th Ward Branch, according to Cgo.-5125. At that time he particularly criticized Representative JESSE SUMNER, of Illinois, who on March 14, 1944 introduced a joint resolution that the invasion of western Europe be postponed and a desirable settlement of war be obtained. He described this measure as a bill for Hitler. He then exhorted the members present to vote in the Democratic primary, in order that the McCormick press would not be able to claim a Republican trend because of their not voting in the primary.

On April 6, 1944 EARL BROWDER was the principal guest of a meeting at the Midland Hotel in Chicago, attended by Party members who had garnered at least one member in the recruiting drive. According to [ ] BART gave a report on the current membership drive stating that 2000 new members had been gained and that the goal of 2500 by April 30 would be easily reached and that the number might very possibly reach 3000. b7D

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According to information received from the Indianapolis Field Division in a letter dated May 26, 1944, [ ] and [ ] advised that on April 17, BART had delivered an address concerning the membership drive to a meeting of the Ft. Wayne Section of the Communist Party.

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WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, advised Cgo.-5027 that BART had requested that he write an article for the April 30 issue of the Worker, discussing the methods used by the Chicago Tribune in reporting the mass sedition trial in Washington.

Cgo.-5136 reported that on April 18, 1944, BART met with CARL ROSS, National Secretary of the American Youth for Democracy, and MOLLIE LIEBER, Executive Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana region.

On April 25, 1944, according to a Bureau informant, BART held a number of conferences in Gary and South Bend, Indiana with Party members.

BART advised Cgo.-5151 that the Nominations Committee, of which BART was Chairman, had selected twenty delegates to the National Convention in New York City on May 20, 1944, of whom BART himself was one.

At the District Convention on April 30, 1944 Cgo.-5151 advised that BART spoke in favor of the membership, Worker, and Daily Worker subscription drives. He also discussed the payment of expenses of delegates to the Convention and urged Party members to make frequent donations of blood. He also announced a \$25.00 donation to the Red Cross and reported that 2537 recruits had been obtained by May 1st. He stated that the membership goal was then 3000.

On May 6, 1944, according to [ ] the Communist Party held two meetings for packing house workers. The larger being intended for Negroes and C.I.O. stockyard workers. BART pressed for the reelection of President ROOSEVELT and viciously assailed the Socialist Party in an address to the gathering. He also advocated the recruiting of whole families and discussed methods of recruiting new members.

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Cgo.-5023 advised that he had been advised by BART that the International Workers Order had been ordered to curtail the sending of material to the Communist Party branches, since too much was being sent at one time.

WILLIAM CARD, Executive Secretary of the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship, arranged to meet BART on May 9, 1944 prior to the latter's departure for the national convention. According to Cgo.-5022 CARD wished to discuss some important leaflets with BART. At 5 p.m. on that date, at the La Salle Hotel, Special Agent RALPH M. LINDSEY observed the two exchange notes and pamphlets. Dr. CARD took notes on information given him by BART and gave to BART a large manila envelope, which appeared to be bulging with papers. On June 12, according to Cgo.-5021, CARD attempted to make another appointment with BART, but it was decided to postpone the meeting.

On May 11, 1944 BART issued instructions to one LESTER WICKSTROM to organize a regional meeting of the Illinois Coal Miners at Springfield on May 14, of the purpose of laying the groundwork of a protest meeting on June 4, 1944. WICKSTROM was instructed to contact ROBERT WIRTEZ, Springfield Party Organizer, for aid in this project.

In a letter dated June 27, 1944 the Indianapolis Field Division forwarded a copy of a letter dated May 17, 1944, obtained from a highly confidential source. This letter was addressed by BART to the Executive Secretary of all Chicago branches and called attention to the concluding session of the District Convention on June 10 and 11. It was requested that a list be furnished of all visitors expected to attend, as well as members and delegates. It advised also that each branch would be assessed \$5.00 for each regular delegate from Chicago. In the same letter there was forwarded a copy of a letter dated May 17, 1944 from the National Committee forwarded by BART to all branches of the Party. This letter congratulated District #8 on its achievement in the recruiting drive and for exceeding its goal of 2500 new members.

In an addendum, BART directed that it be read at all branch meetings and also extended congratulations and appreciation of the District Committee.

The Indianapolis Field Division also included a copy of a letter dated May 16, 1944 addressed by BART to ELMER JOHNSON, State Secretary of the Communist Party for Indiana. In this letter BART suggested that one delegate for each of several named Indiana cities be sent to the District Convention in Chicago on June 10 and 11.

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According to Cgo.-5021 BART instructed ROMANIA FERGUSON, South Side Section Organizer, to postpone scheduled Party meetings at Champaign, Illinois until she returned from the National Convention.

On June 2, 1944 [ ] advised that BART now had returned from the National Convention and had issued instructions for all labor unions to bring pressure to bear on the State Department to recognize General De Gaulle and also the Polish Committee of Liberation, as over the Polish Government in exile. b7D

Cgo.-5021 advised that BART and GERALDINE LIGHTFOOT, also a South Side Section Organizer, were fearful that the Senate might defeat the appropriation for Fair Employment Practices Committee on June 14, 1944. It was decided that every member should be instructed to wire his senators to remain in Washington and to vote for the appropriation so that the Southern Democratic senators would not be able to destroy the Fair Employment Practices Committee.

At the convention of District #8 in Chicago on June 10 and 11, BART acted as secretary for the nomination committee and the selections of this committee were accepted almost completely. At this convention, according to [ ] BART discussed the constitution and by-laws and recommended that the convention be divided into a number of divisions, so that each delegate would have the benefits of the discussions of the nomination committee and also the proposition to recommend a district committee. He named himself as reporter for a division reporting the 38th, 48th and 49th wards in Chicago, the remainder of Illinois outside of Chicago and all of Indiana. At this convention a watch was presented by BART as a birthday present, according to [ ] to MORRIS CHILDS. b7D

At this meeting, as previously reported, BART was elected Secretary of the newly-formed Communist Political Association, District #8, comprising Illinois and Indiana and was also named member of the District Board.

On June 13, 1944 BART attended a party at the home of Mrs. ELIZABETH STEARNS, at the Ambassador East Hotel, according to Cgo.-5021. This party was sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln School in honor of EARL BROWDER, EARL DEAN HOWARD and GUY REED, speakers at the Symposium sponsored by the School.

On June 14, in furtherance of a decision made by BART and GERALDINE LIGHTFOOT, previously mentioned, all Party members were

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requested to send telegrams to their senators urging them to attend the Senate session on June 17 and to vote for the appropriation for the continuance of the Fair Employment Practices Committee. This information was furnished by Cgo.-5025.

Cgo.-5021 advised that LOUIS BUDENZ, of the Daily Worker in New York, had contacted BART concerning the Invasion Manifesto prepared by the Communist Political Association. BUDENZ asked BART to obtain statements from labor leaders concerning their reaction to the Invasion and to forward this information to the Daily Worker. BART was also in contact with JOHN WILLIAMSON, Secretary of the Communist Political Association, concerning the Invasion Leaflet and suggested a mass meeting and demonstration in Chicago patterned after the one in New York City. BART advised WILLIAMSON that the U.E.W. of the C.I.O. had prepared an Invasion newspaper days in advance and that 50,000 copies had been sent to the shops on the morning of "D-Day".

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Associate Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, advised Cgo.-5027 that, although he was scheduled to address a Communist Political Association picnic in Milwaukee on July 4, 1944, he might be unable to fulfill this engagement since BART was pressing him to speak in Chicago at a similar gathering on that date. PATTERSON stated that BART had made attempts to secure another speaker for the Milwaukee picnic, but had met with no success.

On July 4, 1944 the annual picnic of District #8 was held in Chicago in Pilsen Park, according to [redacted] BART assisted with the executive duties involved and made the introductory address at the gathering. b7D

According to a report received from [redacted] on July 15, 1944, BART had issued a letter to all club secretaries and press directors concerning the Daily Worker and Worker subscription drive, which was interpreted as almost a positive order to fill their quotas.

On July 14, 1944 a special conference was called for the purpose of planning widespread distribution of the Chicago Defender, a weekly Negro paper, containing a full page advertisement concerning the Communist Political Association. Several thousand extra copies of the paper were to be distributed and a group of functionaries from the district office, headed by BART undertook a survey to aid in this distribution.

In the Daily Worker, issue of July 20, there was quoted an article from the "Campaigner" by the SUBJECT, in which he stresses

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the need for understanding all election issues and praises the Daily Worker for its assistance in this regard. He advocated also the setting up of a press committee of three in each club, these three to be in charge of subscriptions, renewals and deliveries, respectively.

#### PAST ACTIVITIES

According to [ ] BART was named chairman of the four key committees formed on November 23, 1942 on the orders of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER dealing with trade union groups, community activities, editorial and literary groups and Communist Party organization.

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[ ] reported that on January 23, 1943 a special meeting was held in the ballroom of the Skyline Club, attended by about 1200 members who were required to register with their section or branch in writing on their invitations. BART delivered an address which resulted in the signing of pledge cards by 451 members and he was followed on the platform by EARL BROWDER.

On January 30, 1943, according to [ ] BART appeared at a meeting of packing house workers at their branch meeting of the South Side Section of the Party, to lend his support to the raising of funds for relief funds for Armour Local #34.

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On March 12, 1943 a meeting of the Steel Branch of the South Side Section of the Communist Party was addressed by BART, who at that time requested pledges from the members present for the forthcoming recruiting drive. This information was given by [ ]

On March 3, 1943 [ ] reported a special meeting of eight of the highest party functionaries in the District called by BART for the purpose of discussing financial difficulties, resulting from extra radio and advertising expenses. On the same date [ ] reported that BART issued instructions to publicize the German American Anti-Axis League and to attempt to obtain members for that organization. He also directed that congressmen and senators be contacted demanding an open hearing on the activities of the Dies Committee.

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Information was also received from a Bureau informant that at a meeting of the District Executive Committee of the Communist Party, on March 23, 1943, at the Chicago headquarters of the I.W.O., BART made a lengthy report concerning a meeting of 200 club representatives and a sprinkling of O.C.D. and trade union leaders, known as a "Builders Congress", held at the

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Midland Hotel in Chicago on March 18 and 19. BART advised that he had delivered the main report at the Congress and professed to be quite pleased with the aptitude shown by those present in applying Communist recruiting principles and broad policies to specific community needs. The Congress was split into a number of panels, each discussing a particular phase of recruiting, such as trade unions, neighborhood, Negro, foreign language, fraternal societies and education projects. He also advocated recreational centers in each community particularly in the working class neighborhood.

[ ] reported that BART met with the Press Committee of the Young Communist League on May 25, 1943, during the District Executive Committee meeting of the Young Communist League. b7D

According to [ ] BART attended a meeting on May 27, 1943 of a group of local Party dignitaries, called to discuss ways and means of dealing with inquiries of the rank and file relating to the dissolution of the Third Internationale.

On June 6, 1943, BART was one of a group of some fifteen Communist Party officials representing the Party at a victory press conference held under the auspices of the Daily Worker. This information was furnished by [ ] b7D

According to information received from Bureau informant [ ] BART addressed a meeting of Branch functionaries of the Stockyards Section called in special session on July 29, 1943. He outlined the duties expected of every member and exhorted them to become crusaders as recruiters. He sketched the organizational set-up of the Democratic and Republican parties in the city and urged them to copy it. He concluded by setting up, as one of the main tasks of the Party, that of exposing, fighting and defeating the traitor, JOHN L. LEWIS.

On August 2, 1943, according to [ ] the District Committee of the Party met with section organizers and Party functionaries to check on the press drive for the Worker and the Daily Worker, due to an actual decline in circulation during the drive. BART made the principal address, a detailed report of quotas and results and instructed those present as to methods to be used to put over the drive. b7D

[ ] advised that on August 2, 1943 BART was to attend a meeting of Communist Party members in the U.A.W., called for the purpose of making plans for capturing control of that union.



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According to Confidential Informant [redacted] b7D  
BART was the principal speaker at the Indiana State Conference at Indianapolis on August 13, 1943 at which time he expressed disapproval of recent anti-strike legislation and instructed that congressmen should be contacted protesting this legislation.

On August 14, 1943 IPS-1221 ND, advised that BART had stated, at the Party's headquarters, that Indiana needed a stronger central organization in order to realize its potentialities better. He is also reported to have said, in justifying discontinuance of special branches in favor of ward branches, that workers' grievances could now be settled through labor unions and this role need no longer be played by the Communist Party. He deplored the fact that the Association of Catholics in Trade Unions had set up their own fractional units with those of the Communist Party as a precedent. BART stated that the Communist Party was aiming at unity and did not want to be accused of using fractional groups to control unions. Thus, the shop branches had been replaced by ward branches which could act much more cohesively in a political way and would have more local influence in keeping with the idea that the Communist Party is not a union, but a political party for the working class.

According to [redacted], BART addressed a meeting of the most active Party members in Indianapolis on August 16, 1943 concerning the need for reorganizing branches in Indiana. b7D

On August 28, 1943 [redacted] reported that BART acted as chairman of a Communist Party Political Action Conference at the Midland Hotel in Chicago, called to discuss the political situation, subscriptions to the Worker and Daily Worker, the press fund campaign and the membership drive.

At a meeting of the Illinois-Indiana Executive Committee, at the Communist Party Headquarters on August 31, 1943, according to a Bureau source, BART talked exhaustively on the subject of Party registrations for 1944.

Information received from another Bureau informant, reflects that at a special meeting of the Illinois-Indiana Executive Committee on September 2, 1943 BART spoke on the policy of bringing pressure to bear whenever possible toward protecting "our Commander-in-Chief" against the "reactionaries". He stated that the immediate task of the Party was to bring all shop units into larger street branches.

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According to [ ] BART was on the speakers platform along with other leading Party dignitaries at a victory celebration on Northwestern University on September 12, 1943, attended only by those Party members who had obtained their quotas of subscriptions for the Worker and the Daily Worker in the press fund drive.

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On September 23, 1943, according to [ ] a meeting of some 350 officers, organizers and selected functionaries met with EARL BROWDER at the Hamilton Hotel in Chicago. BART arrived at the meeting in the company of BROWDER and spoke briefly in connection with the sale of tickets for BROWDER's address at the Civic Opera Building the following day. On that date BART again appeared with BROWDER prior to the latter's address.

In the October 24, 1943 issue of the Daily Worker there appeared an article by BART entitled "Packing House Workers Established Union". This article praised the note of unity during the convention and criticized attempts at disruption made by the Trotskyites and representatives of JOHN L. LEWIS. It is noted that this convention was reportedly thoroughly dominated by the Communist Party.

On November 20, 1943 BART attended a Russian War Relief House Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH MERLIN, 6936 South Parkway, active Communist Party members of long standing. BART spoke in behalf of Russian War Relief clothing collection drive and the projected Communist Party recruiting drive.

According to [ ], BART was the principal speaker at an executive committee meeting in Gary, Indiana on November 26, 1943, at which time he described the Moscow Conference as one of the highlights of the war and instructed those present to discuss the coming elections in every union meeting.

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According to Confidential Informant T-1 he received a pamphlet entitled the "1944 Elections" as a result of a request for literature made to Party Headquarters in December, 1943. This pamphlet announced a debate to be held among a labor representative, a Democrat, a Republican, and a Communist. The Communist representative was to be BART.

In a letter dated September 2, 1944 handwriting specimens of SUBJECT were forwarded to the F.B.I. Laboratory for inclusion in the National Security File.

ENCLOSURE:

TO THE BUREAU:

One photograph of SUBJECT.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will continue to contact [ ] and Cgo.-5021  
for information concerning the activities of SUBJECT.

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Confidential T-1 in this report is [redacted]  
[redacted] who requested that his name be kept  
confidential.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-2644**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/18/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/6,7,9;3/1/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>GENE E. STRONG</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>GES:MHB</b></span>
TITLE  <b>PHILIP BART, was</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject still employed as secretary of District #8 of the Communist Political Association. His residence and business addresses remain unchanged. Subject continues to be active in CPA affairs and it is reported that at a convention in Indianapolis he stressed the matter of getting more recruits in the United Packinghouse Workers Association-CIO, urged larger contributions to the Association, and talked on the qualifications of CPA leadership. The subject sent out a circular letter calling for more subscriptions to the "Worker" and "Daily Worker." He was active in encouraging the sale of tickets to picnics given by clubs in downstate Illinois. Subject is friendly with WILLIAM CARD, executive director of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship. During the past national elections the subject told an Informant that it was necessary to associate DEWEY with the Fascists and gangsters. Subsequent to the elections, the subject contemplated trips to downstate Illinois for the purpose of seeing that the clubs had their affairs in good order for coming elections in January 1945. Subject expressed an interest in organizing a teachers' union movement in Springfield, Illinois, and has expressed himself as being in favor of community medicine and medical care.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. M. Kane dated September 2, 1944, at Chicago, Illinois. *100-2644-58*

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES

Special Agent Robert Dore verified the fact that the subject still resides at 1022 West Dakin Street, Chicago, Illinois. His business address is 208 North Wells Street, which is the headquarters of the Communist Political Association, District #8, of which the subject is secretary. This information was again verified through Confidential Informant CGO-5021, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant T-1 stated that the subject gave a talk before the Midwest Conference of the CP held November 10, 1943 at the Sherman Hotel. During the course of this talk the subject stressed the need for obtaining more recruits in the United Packinghouse Workers Union-CIO.

Confidential Informants [ ] and [ ], whose identities are known to the Bureau, on July 9, 1944 advised that the subject attended a convention on that date at Indianapolis, Indiana, and during the convention the subject gave a talk in which he called for larger contributions to the CPA. The subject also urged every Communist leader to buy a set of LENIN'S Works. b7D

On August 9, 1944, the same Informant stated that the subject was again in Indianapolis and at that time met with the City Council of the CPA and advised the council on the qualifications necessary for CPA leadership. The Informant was unable to state just what the subject considered as the qualifications necessary for such leadership. The subject, however, stated that the Indianapolis leaders must be more active in bringing out leadership in their own particular organization.

On August 11, 1944, the subject met with ELMER JOHNSON and WALTER FRIESBIE, the latter being the Indiana secretary of the PAC. They met in Room 502 of the Warren Hotel and during the meeting the subject strongly impressed upon JOHNSON and FRIESBIE that CIO-PAC in cooperation with the CPA should work out a program of political action and put it into effect immediately. BART stated that committees should be established in key industrial areas in Indiana for the purpose of contacting all union employees for the purpose of making sure that the latter are registered to vote. BART also advocated organized meetings for which good speakers such as United States Senators KILGORE and MURRAY should be obtained and also speakers from United States Navy and Army personnel.

Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished a copy of a letter signed by the subject and sent to "All secretaries b7D

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and press directors in Illinois and Indiana", calling for an increase in the circulation of the "Worker" to ten thousand subscribers between July 20, 1944, and September 24, 1944; the latter date was the date on which the EARL BROWDER Rally was held in Chicago, Illinois.

Again on October 5, 1944, this same Informant furnished another letter signed by the subject encouraging the increasing of the sales of the "Worker" and the "Daily Worker." This letter was also directed to the secretaries and press directors of Illinois-Indiana District.

On November 22, 1944, the above Informant stated that the subject sent out a letter on the stationery of the Communist Political Association of Chicago, Illinois, again encouraging the sale of the above-mentioned papers.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, attended a conference held at 225 South Ashland Avenue on November 26, 1944. During this conference, the subject outlined to the members in attendance the results of the drive to get more subscriptions to the "Worker" and "Daily Worker" by enumerating the number of subscriptions the various clubs and members obtained. The subject stated that five hundred subscriptions had been obtained. However, he said that he had hoped that between eight hundred and one thousand subscriptions would have been obtained. b7D

In the December 5, 1944, issue of the "Worker" there was an article concerning the above-mentioned conference in which it was stated that the subject in his speech pointed out that the goal of the drive which he hoped would be reached by Christmas, 1944 would be an increase of ten thousand subscriptions to the "Worker." This article further stated that the

"dominant note of the speakers (at the conference) was to build the circulation of the worker as an additional instrument to counteract the pernicious influence of the 'Chicago Tribune', the Hearst Press, and the 'Chicago Daily News'....."

"and to clarify the issues facing the people in winning the war."

On August 4, 1944, CGO-5021, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that the subject told him that HOWARD LAWRENCE in Gary, Indiana, had ordered only 126 due stamps. The subject stated that this was not very good and was less than 50 per cent of the average. However, the subject stated he intended to straighten this matter out with HOWARD on the following day. The subject was also complaining that HOWARD did not have a very good attendance at a book review in South Bend on the previous day, inasmuch as only ten people showed up.

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On August 16, 1944, the same Informant stated that DAVID ENGLESTEIN told BART that the topic to be discussed at a coming school program was to be "National Unity in the 1944 Election." In using this as a general topic, they (ENGLESTEIN and BART) will discuss "known partisanship in the 1944 elections" as a subtopic. In connection with the same program, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON of the Abraham Lincoln School will have to touch on negro problems. BART stated that he would devote some time to known partisanship in relation to negro problems.

On August 28, 1944, CGO-5023 advised that the subject and RAY HANSBROUGH discussed the entertainment to be provided for BEN DAVIS, vice president of the CPA and EARL BROWDER, president of the CPA who were coming to Chicago. The subject stated that no arrangements had been made for the entertainment date because their arrival in Chicago was not known. The subject stated that he had been active in the affairs of downstate Illinois clubs, according to the Informant, especially with reference to encouraging meetings at clubs in the smaller towns and to encourage the distribution and sale of tickets to picnics given by the local clubs.

CGO-5030, whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated that on September 25, 1944, MARY HARTZMAN of the Modern Book Store told the subject that the BROWDER books sold the previous day at the EARL BROWDER Rally at the Chicago Stadium brought in \$806.00, and the kits containing Communist literature also sold at the rally the previous day brought in a total of \$400.00.

CGO-5038, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised this office that JACK KLING, secretary of the Cook County Council of the CPA, talked to IRVING HERMAN, secretary of the Southside Section and said that BART would be available for a speech before the 3rd Ward Club to be held on October 26, 1944 at Forum Hall.

On October 19, 1944, [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that the subject and WILLIAM CARD, executive director of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, were still friendly and were going to meet that day at the LaSalle Hotel. The Informant was unable to secure any information regarding the discussions which took place at the meeting.

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On October 26, 1944, [redacted] stated that the subject in discussing a strike which involved JANE MARCH, a well-known Communist, and which had been encouraged at the Studebaker Plant had reached serious proportions and that the CPA role in regard to the strike would have to be a cautious one from this time on. The subject also stated that it would be necessary to associate Governor DEWEY with Fascists and gangsters in the "public mind." BART also stated that the White House had been telephoned and inquiry made as to where President



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Roosevelt could be picked up on his arrival in Chicago to make a campaign speech at Soldier's Field. The subject stated that he had been advised that the Secret Service would take care of the President's transportation when he arrived in Chicago.

On November 9, 1944, BART told CGO-5376 that a meeting of the club membership directors was to be held on November 17, to discuss new plans for expansion. He said that there were about six hundred and fifty people who still owed dues for 1944 and about three hundred should be collectible. He also stated that starting on November 22, a drive to collect dues from all members would be started. BART further stated that he had about three hundred and fifty application cards and four hundred membership cards on hand. He said that he was going to Danville, Illinois that Sunday and would be in Springfield, Illinois, later that week. He also made the statement that it was very important that all clubs be in good order for the coming elections in January 1945.

On November 18, 1944, Confidential Informant M95, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised this office that the subject had directed a letter to the Association Headquarters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, indicating that certain members of the Association in Milwaukee were invited to sit on the stage in the Chicago Stadium with the guest speakers EARL BROWDER and BEN DAVIS at the Rally held there on November 24, 1944.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that CORAL BRISTEL contacted EUGENE DENNIS, one of the national vice presidents of the CPA, and told the latter that he had recently contacted the subject in Chicago and had an important message to give DENNIS from the subject. BRISTEL requested that DENNIS meet him very discreetly, but did not state when or where and as a result the Informant was unable to obtain the contents of the information which the subject wished to convey to DENNIS.

On December 8, 1944, MORRIS CHILDS and the subject had a short discussion concerning the Greek situation. BART told CHILDS that it would be necessary to get the labor unions to support the American policy and that they must send whatever information they could to the British Union Movement Head.

This same Informant stated that on December 9, 1944, BART was contemplating organizing a teachers' union at Springfield, Illinois. Preparatory to the organizational work BART suggested the showing of a movie, but did not state what the name of the movie was or what type of a movie it should be. BART told the Informant that while he was at a recent conference in New York, the conference went on record as being in favor of community medicine and medical care. BART expressed himself as being in favor of the stand taken by the conference.

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The same Informant stated that on December 14, 1944, the subject told JOHN SCHMIES, organizer in the steel section, that it did not appear as though SCHMIES was making much progress and that the Association needed many new recruits from the steel section and that SCHMIES should get "hold of some of those key guys and make a deal with them." BART stated that this had been done with success in other industries. He also told SCHMIES to go out and meet some new men instead of the old-timers. BART stated that the old-timers are all right and are good Communists, but do not accomplish very much. b7D

During the period from October 4, 1944 to December 31, 1944, [ ] stated that the subject was especially active in getting subscriptions to the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker."

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At Chicago, Illinois

Will continue to contact Confidential Informant CGO-5021, whose identity is known to the Bureau, to ascertain the activities of the subject.

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T-1 Surveillance by Special Agents John C. Riley and L. J. Peterson  
of the Chicago Field Division November 10 and 11, 1943.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-7-45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-9, 5-31, 6-15, 18, 23-45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>GENE E. STRONG</b>
TITLE <b>PHIL BART, was</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject is still secretary of District 8 of the CPA. His residence address remains unchanged. Informants advised that during December, 1944, the subject was an instructor at the CPA leadership school held at Des Plaines, Illinois and as such, encouraged the belief and the principles of CARL MARX. The subject also told informants that the Negroes were being given a "raw deal" in the present war. He also stated that leaders of Jewish organizations would make CPA leaders. He arranged to have NED SPARKS come to Chicago from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to speak at a Lenin Memorial meeting. He also arranged for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN to speak at a meeting held in Gary, Indiana for the purpose of encouraging recruiting. BART also stated that union leaders would follow the CPA's judgment on union policies. He also stated that small towns should be contacted to secure more subscriptions for the Daily Worker and that the larger cities should be passed up because they are better organized. The subject corroborated on an editorial condemning the attempt of the U.A.W. to take over the Farm Equipment Union. Subject stated that the CPA, at the present time, was stronger than it ever was before and that Chicago had about 5,000 members. He stated that the CPA played an essential role in the re-election of Franklin D. Roosevelt. On the death of the latter, BART said that the CPA should concentrate on greater cooperation between the CIO and the AF of L and should support President TRUMAN. He stated that the U. S. was the most powerful capitalistic nation in the world. He also stated that the Vatican was causing disunity among the "big three" over the Polish question. Subject had a long discussion concerning the general affairs of District 8 with JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Secretary of the CPA, while the

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latter was in Chicago during April of 1945.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent GENE E. STRONG dated April 18, 1945 at Chicago, Illinois.

**DETAILS:**

**RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS:**

Subject still resides at 1022 West Dakin Street, Chicago, Illinois. He is still employed as Secretary of District #8 of the CPA.

**ACTIVITIES:**

The identity of all informants mentioned in the body of this report are known to the Bureau.

GEO-5405 advised on December 14, 1944, that the subject was an instructor in the leadership school held under the auspices of the CPA at the YMCA Lodge at Des Plaines, Illinois. During one of the classes held that day, the subject stated that Marxism is a scientific system of thinking, that CARL MARY developed an understanding of class relations. Marxism is a Social Science accumulating out of the whole history of social relationship. The subject stated that if the Communists have fought against their Government at times, it is because the Government was opposed to self-determination. He said if last June, when the Communist Party was changed to the CPA, had it been decided to separate into a separate political entity and nominate EARL BROWDER for President, BROWDER would have been elected and the progressive forces in the U. S. would not have been united. On January 5, 1945, [ ] stated that the subject told him that this is "a white man's war and the colored guys have to help out." The Negroes are being given a "raw deal" in this war. He also told the informant that some of the Jewish organization leaders would be excellent leaders for the CPA nominations.

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They have leadership, ability and have many good contacts and friends. He stated that they therefore should be contacted and brought into the party if possible. CGO-5021 said the subject told him on January 28, 1945, that he was arranging to have NED SPARKS, a member of the National Committee and at the present time, the California functionary come to Chicago from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where SPARKS was at that time and speak at the Lenin Memorial meeting which was held on January 28, 1945. BART said that there would be approximately 800 people present. He also said that half of SPARKS's speech would be given over to the contribution of Leninism to America. The same informant stated that on February 7, 1945, BART stated that he had arranged for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, National Vice President of the CPA, to speak at a mass meeting to be held in Gary, Indiana the following week. The purpose of this meeting was to aid the Gary Club in the recruiting drive that was on at that time. Approximately 100 to 150 people would attend the meeting. HOWARD LAWRENCE, a member of the District Committee of the CPA would also attend the meeting and give a speech to aid the recruiting drive.

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[ ] advised that the subject told him on February 13, 1945, that the CPA did not want to run union elections but that he would like to have the union leaders follow CPA's judgment in union affairs as the CPA had a better overall view of the union picture. BART stated that the Communists have contributed more to the labor movement in the U. S. than anyone else. The following day, BART told the informant that the Cook County CPA has 5081 members, that he desired to recruit at least 150 to 200 new members. During the course of the day, he told A. A. LARSON, a subscription salesman for the "Daily Worker", to concentrate his efforts to sell subscriptions on the smaller towns such as Peoria, Springfield, East St. Louis and Rockford, Illinois, because the larger cities were already well organized and could handle their own subscription campaigns.

CGO-5021 said that BART and MORRIS CHILDS collaborated on an editorial for the "Daily Worker" supporting the Farm Equipment and Metal Workers of America-CIO in their fight to prevent the UAW CIO from taking over the Farm Union. Unity was to be the main theme of the editorial. It should show by analogy that unity between the unions was in effect, unity in the war effort. This took place on February 24, 1945. On March 21, 1945, this same informant stated that BART told him that EARL BROWDER was coming to Chicago to attend the hearing to be held the last week of March, 1945, in EVELYN WELLES's case, who is the subject of a Hatch Act case in this office. On February 25, 1945, CGO-5021 said that in support of

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the statement of the War Department's recent stand in permitting Communists to hold a commission in the Army. BART said that approximately 1,000 members from District #8 of the CPA are in the armed services at the present time. He also said that New York, California and Chicago were three main districts of the CPA. Of these three, Chicago is the smallest in total membership. Because of this, BART wants to eventually build up the membership until it reaches a goal of 10,000 members. CGO-5021, on March 27, 1945, advised that BART said that he agreed 100 per cent with the statement that EARL BROWDER made to the effect that the CPA played an essential part in the election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

[ ] stated on March 30, 1945, that subject told him that he would like to see a goal of \$30,000 set for the coming financial drive of the CPA. \$8,000 of this goal was to go to support the "Daily Worker". This same informant stated that on April 10, 1945, BART reported that about twenty clubs had no officers. As a result of this, these clubs must:

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1. Develop leaders.
2. Train members in leadership.
3. Train members in organizational work.
4. Develop "Out of Town" educational program.

By the latter, the subject meant that about 25 members who live out of Chicago should be training and contact be maintained with them so that their reading and other activities could be supervised. He also said that he would send a letter to each club stating that there would be a two months' drive for 2,500 new members.

On April 13, 1945, CGO-5022 said that BART had issued orders that there were to be no CPA initiated memorial services for Franklin Delano Roosevelt. These would be left for civil authorities and civil organizations. He stated that the party should now, as a result of Roosevelt's death, concentrate on greater unity between the CIO and AF of L because their united efforts were more necessary now where the CPA can influence them in resolutions and in other ways. BART said that "All possible ideas that have been created by the WALLACE forces in the past are cleared up," and Truman should be given complete support. CGO-5021 stated that the above instructions were given to BART by JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Secretary of the CPA. [ ] advised on April 14, 1945, that BART said that he had received complaints about DOROTHY HILL leaving with an unknown man and

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taking care of the latter's son. BART said he thought it was a very good thing for DOROTHY to do because as a good Communist, she thought it was her duty. He continued that "We Communists must set examples which will promote better feeling with other people because we are living in the most powerful, capitalistic country in the world and there are a certain group of reactioners who try to promote disunity and are against all labor movements. These reactioners fabricate stories and distort them. On April 22, 1945, [redacted] advised that BART was in East St. Louis, Illinois and stated that the U. S. and Great Britain were now cooperating with Russia, and that some elements in this country led by ex-president HERBERT HOOVER were opposing unity among the "Big Three". He said that most of the trouble about the Polish situation is caused by the Vatican in an effort to split the unity existing among the "Big Three". [redacted] advised on April 23, 1945, that subject met JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Secretary of the CPA and told him that IRVING HERMAN, a member of the District #8 Committee was ready to go to Wisconsin at any time, but BART preferred to have HERMAN remain in Chicago because HERMAN is handling more members in Chicago than there are in the entire state of Wisconsin. BART also stated that ALFRED WAGENKNECHT should be given a trip because he is working hard and he is somewhat difficult to get along with. WILLIAMSON told BART that President Truman will ultimately make some cabinet changes and replacements will probably come from the states of Illinois and Massachusetts. For that reason, persons should not be cultivated who might possibly be new appointees. This should be done before these prospective appointees leave for Washington in order that they might not be "talked to" after they arrive in Washington. The following day, BART told WILLIAMSON that the Abraham Lincoln School was going to have to move from its present location. He said that if \$25,000 can be raised, they (the school), can make a down payment on a building of their own. BART also criticized ALBIN WINSPEAR, head of the school, saying that he was a philosopher, but not an organizer or a leader and because of this was not a satisfactory director of the school.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he had been out of town and had no further information concerning the subject.

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THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois:

Will continue to contact Confidential Informant CGO-3021 and CGO-3022, whose identities are known to the Bureau, to ascertain the activities of the subject.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant T-1 is a trash cover maintained on the subject's apartment by [REDACTED]

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-26-45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-8, 25, 1945</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>GENE E. STRONG</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>GES:FS</b></span>
TITLE  <b>PHIL BART, with aliases</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject's residence address remains unchanged. He is no longer Secretary of Illinois-Indiana District 8, Communist Party but is believed to be paid by National Headquarters in New York City. Prior to Subject's removal as Secretary on September 15, 1945, he remained active in Communist Political Association affairs. Informants state he was active in spring recruiting drive and on one occasion criticized the work done in connection with the drive in the South Side Steel Section. He suggested to other members of the Party ways in which subscriptions to the "Daily Worker" could be increased. He was instructor at Communist Political Association leadership school held at Des Plaines, Illinois, during the later part of May, 1945. He encouraged reading of magazine "Political Affairs" and said every Club should have a set of books on Marxism. He distributed literature advertising a Communist Political Association picnic held in Chicago during June, 1945, at which ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a member of National Committee was to be the principal speaker. He said that a feeling of distress of the District leadership had arisen since the publication of the "Duclose" article. He also stated that capitalism and imperialism go hand in hand resulting in war. Subject arranged to procure the Chicago Stadium for a mass meeting to be held September 9, 1945, and in this connection wrote to New York City and attempted to enlist the services of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER as principal speaker. He was elected as a member of the Cadre and Reviewing Commission at the National Convention of the Communist Political Association in New York City.

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during July, 1945. He arranged the program for the District Convention held in Chicago, August 11, and 12, 1945. At this convention he was elected a member of the District Committee. GIL GREEN, now President of the Illinois-Indiana, District, advised that the Subject would have to leave his present position in the Illinois-Indiana District, and was subsequently removed as Secretary on September 16, 1945. One of the Subject's last acts was to agree to help swell the attendance at the Marine Show to be held November 10, 1945, in Soldiers Field, Chicago.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #100-3284.  
Report of Special Agent GENE E. STRONG, dated July 7, 1945, at Chicago, Illinois.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES

Subject still resides at 1022 West Dakota Street, Chicago, Illinois. He is no longer Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana District 8, of the Communist Party, according to Confidential Informant CMO-5021.

Confidential Informant T-1, who is acquainted with the Subject, does not know his present occupation. He does not believe the Subject is employed at the present time.

ACTIVITIES

The Subject, in an article in the "Daily Worker" April 3, 1945, page five, column two, stated that over five hundred new members had joined the Communist Political Association in District 8, which includes the States of Illinois and Indiana. This article stated that District 8 was making many strides forward but did not go further into detail about this.

On May 29, 1945, CMO-5425 advised that the Subject had told him that he was not satisfied with the recruiting drive among the Steel Workers, in South Chicago. In fact the Subject stated that drive was so poor that it was

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non existent. He further stated that meetings with various leaders in the Steel Section were not producing results. He was alarmed at this fact because the drive among the Steel Workers was a very important one. The same Informant stated that on June 7, 1945, the Subject complained that too much money was expected from the Illinois-Indiana District for the "Daily Worker" and he was worried over the falling off of subscriptions to the "Daily Worker." He said that New York City had produced \$5,000 in five weeks and that the Illinois-Indiana District during the same period of time, had not sold enough subscriptions to cover expenses. His plan for remedying this situation was a suggestion that each subscriber make his copy available to at least five other club members because he said it would not be long before these others would no longer be able to resist the craving for the papers and would soon subscribe to it. Under this plan subscriptions would increase five fold.

The following day CGO-5524 advised that the Subject was Instructor at the Communist Political Association Leadership School held at the YMCA Lodge, Des Plaines, Illinois during the latter part of May, 1945. The Subject took over a class on May 31st for one day only.

CGO-5425, on June 11, 1945, advised that the Subject had told him that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's letter dated January, 1945, would appear in the July issue of "Political Affairs" and therefore there should be a large circulation of this magazine especially in the out of town clubs. He also stated that he had received word that the CIO intended to rescind its "no strikes" pledge and this organization in general is beginning to cause trouble in the Communist Political Association. He stated that in regard to club meetings each club could have as many meetings as they saw fit but in any event they should meet at least twice a month. However, when a club meets to discuss a resolution only Communist Political Association members should be present and sympathizers only should be excluded because the resolution has a bearing on members only. In the near future he advised there would be a mass meeting of all Lithuanians. This meeting would be in charge of FRED ABEK, who would be in charge of organizing the meeting.

In a general statement the Subject advised that every club should have a twelve volume set of books on Marxism. He also advocated a drive by all clubs to get their members to buy the "Little Leninist", a pamphlet which sold for 25¢.

In regard to securing new members BART said that twelve million veterans would be returning to this country during the next year and it was imperative that the Communist Party get "its share of them". The following day the Subject told the same Informant that the Communist Party would hold a picnic during June and that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, National Vice President and a member of the National Committee of the Communist Political Association would be present and would speak. In connection with the picnic the Subject arranged to have 25,000 pamphlets printed and distributed. In addition to

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these pamphlets other pamphlets were to be printed and distributed to the various clubs containing a particular message to each club. Five thousand leaflets in particular were to be directed to the Negro Clubs containing a short treatise on Negro rights.

The Informant further advised that on June 13, the Subject believed that there was a feeling of distrust of the District leadership which had arisen as a result of the DuBois article. This distrust was directed at both the National and District leadership. The Subject admitted that some mistakes had been made and that everyone had made confessions of errors, himself included. He continued that it was up to leadership to gain the confidence of the lower ranks. He said that he had received a letter from the South Side Headquarters of the Communist Political Association suggesting that the entire south side leadership be removed. He also mentioned a recent news article which stated that capitalism operates under certain laws and goes hand in hand with imperialism, the result of such relationship is inevitable war which demonstrates one of the big faults of capitalism.

CGO-5358 on July 3, 1945, said the Subject had told him that he had written to JOHN WILLIAMSON, a member of the National Committee in New York City that the Chicago Stadium had been rented for his mass meeting to be held September 9, 1945. He asked WILLIAMSON to attempt to arrange to have WILLIAM Z. FOSTER be the principal speaker at this mass meeting.

In the August 5, 1945, issue of the "Worker", page three, column four, it was stated that BART had been elected to the Cadre and Reviewing Commission at the special National Convention of the Communist Political Association held July 26 to 28, 1945, at New York City. This commission according to the article, is responsible for the review of personnel and control of finances.

CGO-5358 on August 6, 1945, said that Subject planned the program for the District Convention which was to be held at the Ashland Auditorium, Ashland and Van Buren Streets, Chicago, Illinois, on August 11th and 12th, 1945. Subject arranged to have three panels organized. One on Negro Peoples Problems which was to be in charge of RAY HANDBOROUGH; Two on Labor-Veterans by JOHN SCHMIDT and Three, Organization and Education to be lead by himself.

They indicated that no soldiers in uniform would be admitted to the convention stating that this would be detrimental to both the soldiers and the party.

BART told CGO-5425 on August 9, 1945, that a letter had been received from the Secretariat, advising that the National Committee had favorably consider-

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ed sending GIL GREEN from New York to Chicago to replace MORRIS CHILDS as President of the Illinois-Indiana District. The letter further stated that BART was to remain as Executive Secretary for the present.

[ ] on August 24, 1945, stated that the Subject was re-elected a member of the District Committee at the District Convention mentioned above. b7D

CGO-5021 on the same date stated that GIL GREEN had told him that everyone connected with the headquarters of the Illinois-Indiana District believed that PHIL BART, for his own good and in order to enable him to contribute the most for the Party, should leave the District headquarters. He also said that on the basis of whatever occurred BART would not be able to contribute the best there at the District Convention. His name did not come up for re-election as Secretary because it was understood that he was leaving this District.

On September 10, 1945, this same Informant stated that Commander SPICZAK of the Marine Corps League, 176 West Adams Street, had contacted BART regarding the Marine show to be held November 10, 1945, at Soldiers Field. The Commander told BART that they wanted a large attendance at the show because it is being given to raise money, to rehabilitate the Marines and Veterans that the GI Bill of Rights does not take care of. He said he would like to have the cooperation of the Communist Party financially.

BART stated that inasmuch as he was leaving he would have FRED FINE who succeeded BART as Secretary, get in touch with the Commander for the purpose of aiding him.

On September 15, 1945, GIL GREEN told the above Informant that the next day, September 16, would be BART's last day at the Communist Party headquarters. This Informant also stated that FRED FINE, present Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana District, had written to the National Headquarters and stated that BART and MORRIS CHILDS were no longer on the payroll of the Illinois-Indiana District and suggested that the National Headquarters continue to pay their salaries.

Confidential Informant T-1 had no further information regarding the Subject because the leader and his wife had been out of town recently. The Informant stated that he too had been out of town.

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THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will recontact Confidential Informant T-1 for further information regarding the activities of the Subject.

Will maintain contact with Confidential Informants 000-5021 and 5022 and will attempt to learn Subject's present occupation, if he has any, through the above informants.

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Confidential Informant T-1 is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who maintains a trash cover on Subject's  
apartment.

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FILE NO. **100-2644**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/7/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/23, 27/45 12/6/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>RICHARD E. WELSH</b> <span style="float: right;">REVIEWED</span>
TITLE <b>PHILIP EART, WAS: Philip Seral, Philip Strauss, "Phil"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject on 12/1/45 unanimously elected by District Committee Philadelphia as president of Eastern Pennsylvania Communist Party. Subject left Chicago on 11/28/45 for New York City to confer with Party officials there on 11/30/45 prior to appearing in Philadelphia for District Committee Meeting. According to Informant, **GEORGE DENNIS** of the CP National Secretariat, opposed EART'S assignment to Philadelphia. Secretariat District 8, CP, on 11/8/45 reported to have rejected EART as editor or business manager of proposed Chicago CP weekly newspaper because of friction between EART and other leaders in District 8, and his bad attitude. Subject inactive in District 8 since being replaced as District Secretary by **FRED FINE** on 9/16/45, although he had several conferences with **GIL GREEN**, District 8 Chairman.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **GEORGE E. STRONG**, dated 10/26/45 at Chicago, Illinois.

**DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:**

The identities of all Informants designated by permanent symbols are known to the Bureau.

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Confidential Informant T-1 advised on November 27, 1945, that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, were leaving Chicago on November 28, 1945, and planned to be gone several months. This Informant was unable to advise as to the subject's destination, but stated that the subject and his wife had sub-leased their apartment at 1022 West Delden to a relative of subject's wife, whose name the Informant had not been able to determine.

On November 27, 1945, GIL GREEN, Chairman of District Number 8, advised CGO-5021 that he had received a telegram and a letter from JOSEPH WILLIAMSON of the CP National Board advising that PHIL BART had been unanimously elected by the Philadelphia District Board of the CP as Chairman. According to the Informant, BART subsequently advised GREEN that he was leaving town by car on Wednesday, November 28, 1945, in order to be in New York the following Friday for a conference with Party officials there, and in Philadelphia on December 1, 1945, for a District Committee meeting.

By teletype dated December 6, 1945, the Philadelphia Field Division advised this office that the subject had been unanimously elected District President and Organizer for the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania at a District Committee Meeting held in Philadelphia on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, 1945. This teletype further stated that BART arrived in Philadelphia on December 1 to attend the meeting, and at the conclusion of the conference accepted leadership and gave a summary talk of the meeting, outlining future activities of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania.

ACTIVITIES

[ ] advised that a farewell and appreciation ceremony had been held by the Illinois-Indiana District of the Communist Party on September 9, 1945, from 3 to 6 PM at the Skyline Ball Room, 188 West Randolph, in order to honor MORRIS CHILDS, former president, District 8, Communist Party, RAY HANBROUGH, former chairman, South Side Section, Communist Party, and the subject and his wife, CONNIE BART. Informant stated that BART received an expensive pen and pencil set in appreciation of his past services to District 8 of the Communist Party. b7D

On September 13, 1945, CGO-5425 was told by PHIL BART that he, BART, had had a discussion with GIL GREEN, District 8 Chairman, on that date, and had commended the fine job YOLANDA HALL, CP United Automobile Workers' functionary, had done in the Trade Union movement. BART told the Informant that he had also highly commended the work of "STUDS" TERPIL, Chicago

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radio commentator, and a reported Communist who has been closely identified with Communist Party front groups.

CGO-5358 reported on October 22, 1945, that a meeting of the Secretariat of District 8 of the CP had been held on that date, at which meeting FRED FINE, District Secretary, brought up the name of PHIL BART for consideration as editor or business manager of the proposed CP weekly newspaper in Chicago.

AL WAGENKNECHT, Vice-Chairman, District 8, objected to BART, saying it was the responsibility of the National Secretariat to decide where to place BART in view of the fact that BART had been deposed from his position as secretary of District 8, and had indicated that he did not want to work in Chicago. WAGENKNECHT also commented at this meeting that with BART'S post-convention attitude he might do more harm than good in Chicago.

Subsequently, on November 2, 1945, CGO-5358 was told by GIL GREEN, District 8 Chairman, and ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, Vice-Chairman, District 8, that they wanted BART to take the job of handling the proposed weekly CP newspaper in Chicago. Informant was also advised by GREEN and WAGENKNECHT that BART had been accused of being a BROOKERITE, and that they had asked him to help them show the membership that his attitude was O.K. and that he wanted to work wholeheartedly with the Party.

On November 8, 1945, GIL GREEN advised that the Secretariat had decided not to offer BART a position on the new Chicago CP newspaper because the Secretariat felt that BART was not willing to admit he was wrong and carried a grudge for several of the leaders of District 8.

CGO-5358 on October 26, 1945, reported that BART had had a conference with GIL GREEN, Chairman of District 8, on that day, in which BART gave GREEN advice with respect to working with the KELLY political machine. According to the Informant, BART had cautioned GREEN not to openly oppose the KELLY machine in Chicago, but warned GREEN that the KELLY organization would attempt to use the Communist Party to its own advantage.

From CGO-5407 it was learned that on October 25, 1945, GIL GREEN had contacted GENE DENNIS, Communist Party national official, with respect to PHIL BART'S new assignment for the Party. At that time GREEN advised the Informant DENNIS was opposed to giving BART the District Chairmanship at Philadelphia. GREEN further told the Informant that he had urged DENNIS to get BART'S status settled inasmuch as the people in the Party

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in Chicago were asking a lot of questions about it.

CQC-5021 was informed by FRED FINE, Secretary of District 8, on November 26, 1945, that FINE had talked with BART concerning BART'S intention to leave Chicago for either San Francisco or Philadelphia. BART told FINE that he preferred to go East, but that the Party would decide whether he was to take the editorship of the Party paper at San Francisco or go to Philadelphia as District Chairman.

Confidential Informant T-1 was contacted on November 23, 1945, with negative results.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION:

At Philadelphia, Pa.:

Will ascertain the subject's residence.

Will follow and report subject's activities as President of the Eastern District Pennsylvania Communist Party.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Informant T-1 is a trash cover main-  
tained on the subject's apartment by [REDACTED]  
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TITLE <b>PHILIP BART, was.,</b>			

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**PHILIP BART**, white, born Warsaw, Poland, June 28, 1902. Both his parents Russian born. Wife, **CONSTANCE**, white, born Ocala, Florida. Her parents' birth places unknown.

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**Reference:**

Bureau File 100-3284;  
 SAC letter No. 47, 1946 series dated April 30, 1946.

**Details:**

**AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

**PHILIP BART**, born June 28, 1902 in Warsaw, Poland. His father, **BENJAMIN BIRAL**, was born July 15, 1879 in Warsaw, which according to the records of Immigration and Naturalization, was at that time in Russia. His mother, **IDA BIRAL**, was born in 1882, exact date unknown in Warsaw.

His wife, **CONSTANCE STRAUSS**, claims birth at Ocala, Florida August 4, 1901 but this is not supported by records. The dates and places of her parents' birth places are unknown.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Will continue to follow and report Subject's activities.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA**

FILE NO. 100-22157

REPORT MADE AT: <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-7-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2-27, 28; 3-1, 3, 4, 5-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>ROBERT W. HOLMES</b>
TITLE: <b>PHILIP BART, w.a.s., Phil Bart, Phil Burt, Philip Strauss, Philip Beral</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

## SUMMARY REPORT

**REFERENCES:** Bureau File No. 100-3284.  
Bureau letter to Philadelphia, dated November 13, 1946.  
Bureau teletype to Philadelphia, dated February 26, 1947.

**DETAILS:** PHILIP BART is white, was born June 28, 1902 at Warsaw, Poland under the name of PHILIP BEHAL. He became an American citizen through derivation from his father, BENJAMIN BEHAL, on Certificate No. 1455600, issued December 7, 1920 in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York. He married CONSTANCE STRAUSS March 1, 1941 at St. Louis, Missouri and is presently living with her at 900 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa. A person named PHILIP BART, probably identical with the subject, holds FBI No. 226137, which reports arrests in Detroit and Pontiac, Michigan July 5, 1928 and August 14, 1929 respectively. Detroit Arrest Number is 33112 for being a disorderly person and he was discharged. Pontiac Arrest is No. 2605 for molesting workmen. Carries no disposition. He was Secretary of District 28 (Indiana), Communist Party, USA, from January, 1938 to April 1, 1941. On April 1, 1941 to September, 1945 he was Organizational Secretary of District No. 5, CP USA, and since December 2, 1945 has been District Organizer, District No. 3, CP USA.

**I. EVIDENCE OF MEMBERSHIP IN OR AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY**

No membership card for PHILIP BART has ever been made available to any Field Office for direct proof of his membership in the Party. His membership therefore will be proven by showing the requirements in the Communist Party and Communist Political Association constitutions for holders of elective positions.

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Evidence will then be introduced concerning the official positions which BART has held in the Communist Party and the Communist Political Association. For the sake of clarity the evidence throughout this report will be presented in chronological order.

The Constitution of the Communist Party of the United States of America, published by the Communist Party, USA, in September, 1945, states as follows in Article III, Section 2, under the heading "Membership": "Any person eligible for membership according to Section I who accepts the aims, principles, and program of the Party as determined by its constitution and convention, who holds membership in and attends club meetings, who is active on behalf of the Party, who reads the Party press and literature and pays dues regularly shall be considered a member."

Article VI, headed "Structure", in Section 2, paragraph 2, reads as follows: "The highest body of the state organization is the State Convention, which shall convene at least once every two years and be composed of delegates elected by the conventions of the sub-divisions of the Party or by the Clubs in the state. . . . Delegates to the State Conventions shall have been members of the Party in continuous good standing for at least one year."

Paragraph 3, Section 2, reads as follows: "The State Convention shall elect by secret ballot and majority a State Committee. The State Committee may be composed of regular and alternate members. To be eligible to the State Committee one shall have been a member of the Party in continuous good standing for at least two years."

Paragraph 4 of Section 2 reads as follows: "The State Committee shall elect from among its members a State Board Chairman and such other officers as it decides upon. These shall all be responsible to the State Committee."

Section 3 of Article VI reads as follows: "District organizations may be established by the National Committee. Where these cover two or more states the State Committee shall be under the jurisdiction of the District Committees, elected by and representing the Party membership of the states comprising these districts. The rules for convening the District Conventions, and the election of leading committees shall be the same as those provided by the state organization."

Article VII, headed "National Organization", under Section 2 deals with the National Convention and reads in part as follows: "Delegates to the National Convention shall have been members of the Party in continuous good standing for at least two years."

Section 4 of Article VII reads as follows: "The National Convention shall elect a National Committee by a majority vote. To be eligible for election to the National Committee one must have been a member of the Party in continuous good standing for at least four years."

WALTER B. DAVELL, Sheriff,  
Merks County, Pennsylvania  
July 9, 1932

In a letter dated March 6, 1941, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 4058 U.S. Court House, Philadelphia, Pa., this witness wrote as follows: "We are enclosing a copy which is a partial list of the Communists attending the Nominating Convention of the Communist Party at Reading, Pa. July 9, 1932. This list while being that old no doubt forms the nucleus for present day organization."

"We thought this might be of some interest to your organization."

The third name on this list is PHIL BART, Pittsburgh, Pa., representing the Communist Party.

Exhibit No. 1 available Philadelphia Field Division.

Special Agent J. F. DESMOND,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, and  
FRANK E. MONTGOMERY, Agent,  
Bureau of Internal Revenue,  
U.S. Treasury Department.  
November 26, 1941

On November 26, 1941 these witnesses in the course of a Veerhis Act investigation at Chicago, Illinois interviewed MORRIS CHILDS, who said he was State Secretary of the Communist Party at Party headquarters, 206 N. Wells Street, Chicago. CHILDS showed a list of the employees of the Communist Party, Illinois-Indiana District, as of November 1, 1941. Included in this list was the name PHILIP BART, who had been employed since September 17, 1941 in an unstated capacity at \$22.00 a week.

Office of Civilian Defense,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
January 16, 1942

On this date Chicago Field Division received a letter from this witness stating that PHILIP BART had written the witness a letter reading in part as follows: "I am an organizer for the Communist Party. I am available as a speaker, work in an office, have been a painter for many years." BART also stated in the letter that he had had experience in demolition work. Letter available Chicago Field Division.

Confidential Informant CGO-3021  
June, 1943

This witness reported that BART attended Communist Party National Convention at New York in June, 1943, returning to Chicago June 17.

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(The Constitution of the Communist Political Association, published by the Communist Political Association in Article V "Rights and Duties of Members", Section 4, states "No member shall be eligible to be elected to an office or committee or to vote in the adoption of policies or in the election of officers, committees, or delegates, who are three months or more in arrears in the payment of dues.")

Confidential Informant CGO-5151  
May 20, 1944

According to this witness BART was Chairman of the Nominations Committee of District 8, in which capacity he selected twenty delegates to the National Convention held in New York City May 20, 1944. BART himself was included among the twenty delegates.

Daily Worker  
May 23, 1944

The May 23, 1944 issue of the Daily Worker reported that PHILIP BART was elected an alternate member of the National Committee of the Communist Political Association at the National Convention in New York May, 1944. Daily Worker available at Bureau.

Daily Worker  
June 15, 1944

The issue of the Daily Worker June 15, 1944 reported that PHILIP BART had been elected Secretary of District No. 8, Communist

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Political Association, at the District Convention held at the Midland Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, June 11, 1944. Daily Worker available at Bureau.

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August 8, 1944

These informants reported that a city-wide membership of the Communist Political Association was held in the Palm Room of the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana on the evening of August 8, 1944. Principal address was made by PHILIP BART, Secretary of the Indiana-Illinois District, Communist Political Association.

Confidential Informant NYM-155

July 26-29, 1945

This informant attended a special National Convention of the Communist Political Association held July 26 through 29, 1945 in the Fraternal Club House, 110 West 48th Street, New York City. During the seventh session on the morning of Sunday, July 29, the membership of the New Cadre and Review Commission (now called the National Review Commission) was announced. Included in this organization was PHILIP BART, of Illinois, who was elected with 63 votes.

~~Confidential Informants NYM 25,~~

~~NYM 26, NYM 52, and NYM 231~~

~~July 26-29, 1945~~

~~These witnesses reported the names of the individuals who attended the above special National Convention, listing them by states and indicating whether they attended as visitors or delegates. PHILIP BART, of Chicago, Illinois, was included as a visitor.~~

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August 11 and 12, 1945

This witness reported that PHILIP BART was re-elected a member of the District No. 8 Committee of the Communist Political Association at the District Convention held at the Ashland Auditorium, Ashland and Van Buren Streets, Chicago, Illinois, August 11 and 12, 1945.

Confidential Informant CGO 5021  
August 11 and 12, 1945

This witness stated that PHILIP BART was not a candidate for re-election to the position of District Secretary at the August, 1945 District Convention but that GIL GREEN, the District Organizer, reported that for his (BART's) own good and the Party's good he should leave the District Headquarters.

Confidential Informant CGO 5021  
September 15, 1945

This witness reported that GIL GREEN, organizer of District No. 8, said that PHILIP BART would be removed from the District No. 8 payroll September 15, 1945 and suggested that National Headquarters should pay him until it was decided where he would locate.

Special Agents MICHAEL B. DAVIS  
and JOHN E. KEEFE,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
December 2, 1945

On this date, without technical assistance and without trespass, these agents surveilled a meeting of the District Board of District No. 3, Communist Party, USA, held at the Broadwood Hotel, Broad and Wood Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. They reported that in the course of that meeting PHILIP BART was recommended for and elected to post of District Organizer for District No. 3. Following his election a motion was made and passed that he be placed on the District Board.

The Worker  
December 9, 1945

The December 9 issue of The Worker reported the unanimous election of PHIL BART, "former Organizational Secretary of the Illinois Communist Party", as Chairman of the Eastern Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party at a District Committee meeting at the Broadwood Hotel "last weekend." The Worker available at Bureau.



Confidential Informant T-1  
December 17, 1945

This witness saw on December 17, 1945 a transfer card No. 24239 in the name of PHIL BART, with his address stated as Philadelphia. The card indicated that he was being transferred from Branch 46W, Section 9 CB, and was initialed by J.K.J., Secretary. In the upper right hand corner of the card appeared "OK ON 12-15-45", as well as a notation "OK Dist."

Confidential Informant [redacted]  
January 15, 1946

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This witness made available a letter captioned "UNITED PEOPLES CLUB, COMMUNIST PARTY, 1306 N. 7th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.," dated January 15, 1946. This letter announced the UNITED PEOPLES CLUB annual banquet on Sunday, January 27, at 1306 N. 7th Street. The letter read in part as follows: "Our guest of honor will be PHILIP BART, District Organizer of the Eastern Pennsylvania District, Communist Party."

Exhibit No. 2 available at Philadelphia Field Division.

Confidential Informant [redacted]  
February 22, 1946

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This witness made available to Special Agent JOHN E. HENKE a mimeographed letter dated February 22, 1946 addressed to "Dear Comrade". This letter was an appeal to the recipient to attend a Communist Party rally on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of LENIN's death. The rally was held Tuesday, February 26, at 8:00 PM at the Metropolitan Opera House, Broad and Poplar Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. It was signed "Fraternally yours, PHIL BART, for the District Board".

Exhibit No. 3 available at Philadelphia Field Division.

Confidential Informant T-2  
May 24, 1946

This witness furnished Special Agent ROBERT C. BURNS a copy of a mimeographed letter dated May 24, 1946, dated at CP Headquarters, 290 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia. This letter announced a special District

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Convention of District No. 3 in Philadelphia June 21 through June 23, 1946 at the Metropolitan Open House, Broad and Poplar Streets. It was signed "PHIL BART, District Chairman".

Exhibit No. 4 is available at Philadelphia Field Division.

Confidential Informant [redacted]  
Approximately June 6, 1946

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This witness advised that shortly before June 6, 1946 he recruited one ANN KROTT, of Scranton, Pa., into the Communist Party, at which time he gave her 1946 CP USA Membership Book No. 95673. This card was signed by PHIL BART "State Chairman of the Communist Party".

Confidential Informant T-3  
June 21-23, 1946

This witness can testify that he was present at the District No. 3 Convention, Metropolitan Open House, June 21 through 23, 1946, at which time PHILIP BART was elected to the District Committee with 232 votes.

The same witness reported that PHIL BART in the course of the District No. 3 Convention introduced as a speaker JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, who prefaced his speech with the following remarks: "I can only say this to all of you and to the district leadership and to Comrade PHIL BART, with whom I've worked more than 20 years in our lifetime together in the CP and the labor movement".

Confidential Informant [redacted]  
June 21, 1946

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This witness made available to Special Agent ROBERT N. HOLMES, FBI, a 4-page mimeographed pamphlet entitled "Summary of the Proceedings of the District Convention of the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, June 21, 22 and 23, 1946". On the last page of this pamphlet it is stated that PHIL BART was elected Chairman of the District Committee at the convention.

Exhibit No. 5 available Philadelphia Field Division.

Confidential Informant T-4  
June 23, 1946

This witness was present at a banquet June 23, 1946 which terminated the District Convention, District No. 3, and reported that at the banquet the results of the vote for the District Committee were announced as follows: 243 votes were cast, 4 were void, and PHIL BART received 232.

Confidential Informant [ ]  
July 11, 1946

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This witness made available to Special Agent RICHARD J. CONNELL, FBI, on July 11, 1946, a 1946 Membership Card in the CP USA, bearing No. 99962 issued to LUBI CANISI. This card bore the signature of PHILIP BART as State Chairman.

**Exhibit No. 6 available at Philadelphia Field Division.**

Confidential Informant T-5 and [ ]  
September 28-29, 1946

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These witnesses report that BART was present and spoke at a meeting of the District Committee, CP USA, District No. 3, in the Elms Room of the Broadwood Hotel, Broad and Wood Streets, Philadelphia, on September 28, 29, 1946.

Confidential Informant [ ]  
November 11, 1946

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This witness made available to Special Agent FRANK J. SANDIN, FBI, a letter dated November 11, 1946 addressed to PHIL BART, Philadelphia, Pa., reading as follows: "Dear Comrade - This is to inform you that the meeting of the National Committee will take place in New York City on December 3, 4, and 5. We hope that you will make every effort to be present. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM on December 3. (Signed) Comradely Yours, HENRY WINTON".

**Exhibit No. 7 available Philadelphia Field Division.**

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Confidential Informant   
November 18, 1946

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This witness made available on November 18, 1946 to Special Agents PHILIP ROCHENDEWER and JOHN A. HENNESTREIT, of the FBI, a 1947 Communist Party, USA, MEMBERSHIP CARD No. 79371 issued to JOHN BABRIAK, of Bethlehem, Pa., which bore the rubber stamped signature of PHILIP BART as "State Chairman".

Exhibit No. 14 available in Philadelphia Field Division.

II. PROOF OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

No instances have been discovered in which BART specifically admitted knowledge of the revolutionary aims of the Party. Therefore, proof will be advanced concerning his knowledge of the aims and policies of the Party, his participation in policy-making bodies, and his direction of the personnel and policies of sub-divisions of the Party.

Confidential Informant   
May 27, 1943

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This witness can testify that on May 27, 1943 BART was one of a group of Chicago Party functionaries who attended a meeting called to discuss ways and means of dealing with inquiries of the rank and file members of the Party relating to the dissolution of the Third Communist International.

Confidential Informant IPG-1271  
August 9, 1944

According to this witness BART attended a meeting of the Central City Committee of the Indianapolis Communist Political Association at the Indianapolis CPA Headquarters at 7:30 PM on August 9, 1944. In the course of the meeting he gave the committee a long talk on the qualities necessary for Communist Political Association leadership.

Confidential Informant GSO-5405  
December 14, 1944

This witness can testify that on December 14, 1944 BART was an instructor in a membership school held under the auspices of the Communist Political Association at the YMCA Lodge, Des Plaines, Illinois. During one of the classes BART stated in substance that MARXISM is a scientific system of thinking and that KARL MARX developed an understanding of class relations. MARXISM is a social science accumulating out of the whole history of social relationship. He said that if Communists have fought against their governments at times it is because the government was opposed to self-determination.

Confidential Informants NY-3,  
NY 25, and NY 26  
March 10-12, 1945

These witnesses advised that BART was present at the Plenum of the National Committee, the Communist Political Association, held on the third floor auditorium, Communist Political Association Headquarters, New York City, March 10, 11 and 12, 1945. He was there in the capacity of an alternate delegate from Chicago.

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At that National Committee Plenum PHIL BROWDER, National President, The Communist Political Association, made a speech which was later published by the New Century Publishing Company, Inc. in a pamphlet titled "America's Decisive Battle". This pamphlet is available at the Bureau. In the course of the speech BROWDER made the following statement: "All of our success flows from the fact that over the years we had equipped ourselves with the highest of sciences, Marxism, the science of history which enables us not only to understand events but to help shape them because we understand that Marxism is not a dogma but a guide to action in the present unique historical moment."

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Confidential Informant CGO-5524  
May 31, 1945

According to this witness BART was an instructor at the Communist Political Association leadership school held at the YMCA Lodge, Des Plaines, Illinois, in the latter part of May, 1945. He took over a class on an unknown subject on May 31 for one day only.

Confidential Informant CGO-5425  
June 11, 1945

On that date BART advised the witness that every club (in District 8, CPA) should have a 12-volume set of books on Marxism. He also advocated a drive by all clubs to get their members to buy "The Little Leninist", a pamphlet selling for 25¢.

Special Agents CHARLES G. CLEVELAND  
and THOMAS F. KING,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
December 7, 1945

These agents conducted a surveillance, without trespass or technical assistance, of a meeting of the District Board, District No. 3, Communist Party, USA, at the Broadwood Hotel, Philadelphia. PHILIP BART in his capacity as District Organizer spoke at that meeting. Substance of his remarks were that the Communist Party ought to mobilize the returning veterans in support of the progressive forces in the 1946 election. He urged his listeners to be vigorous and alert in forming opinion on the veterans and he expressed the belief that the Party should use every means at its disposal to win over this group (veterans) to its platform. He concluded by giving the Board members a pep talk, with particular emphasis on what he described as political alertness. He urged each and every member, particularly those who hold club positions, to seize upon progressive issues and make it their business to push their issues in the circles in which they move.

Confidential Informant [redacted]  
January 13, 1946

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This witness furnished the Philadelphia Field Division a mimeographed letter titled "A call to District Conference January 13, 9:30 AM, Commodore Hotel, 313 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia". The letter was addressed "to all Executive Committees of Party clubs, to all Comrades active in labor and other mass organizations". Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this letter read as follows:

"The District Board is calling this conference to discuss the crucial election campaign of 1946 and to mobilize our membership for the campaign. We are already late in starting this campaign as both the primaries and collection of signatures for independent candidates must be prepared prior to March 10, 1946. This will give us a brief period of two months to organize all this work.

"Furthermore, the progressive forces in this state and our Party, which is a part of it, must take the initiative in crystallizing progressive opinion to play an important part in the primary elections, as well as in the whole election struggle."

Exhibit No. 3 available Philadelphia Field Division.

Confidential Informants [redacted]  
January 13, 1946

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These witnesses were present at the above-mentioned district conference at which BMT gave a report. In this speech he outlined participation in the coming struggle, stating that the main concentration will be in steel, electrical, transport and coal. He said that the postponement of the steel strike did not relieve class struggle. He enumerated the issues at stake as follows:

1. Maintenance of a living standard
2. Maintenance of the very union
3. Opposition directed against labor by the reactionary elements

In another part of the same speech he said "Monopoly capital will exploit labor. Corporation books will not divulge profits. Ability to pay must not be connected with prices and wages. We must make the Government enforce price control. We Communists must realize the struggles during the strikes. We must create joint strike committees between the AFL and CIO members."

Again in this same speech BART reported that EUGENE DENNIS' report says "Labor should be stirred to new national alignment. Third Party issues should not be allowed to divert labor's political action. BART then went on to say "We must wage a fight against the present administration's policy. The Communist Party must develop its own independent work. The District Board must adopt policies to propose Communist candidacies in every union."

In conclusion he said "We must strengthen our Party. Our best forces will be sent to the weakest districts. We want to create a healthy condition in our district. Collectively we can overcome our problems."

Confidential Informant   
February 1, 1946

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On this date witness attended a meeting of the Lehigh Valley-Ducks County Section, CP USA, at the IWO Hall, East Third Street, Bethlehem, Pa. Meeting was held at 2:00 PM and was called the ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN Meeting. FLYNN was a speaker on the subject of a recent visit to Paris and a description of the Communist Party in France. She said that the Communist Party of France was depending upon the American Communist Party to defeat the last stronghold of imperialism, which is America. She stated that Imperialism is a threat to the world, that only in Socialist America will working classes be out of their enslavement. PHIL BART was also present at this meeting and was a speaker, stating that it was necessary to join the Communist Party.



Confidential Informant T-6  
February 13, 1946

According to this witness PHIL BART was a speaker at the session Wednesday afternoon, February 13, 1946, at the Plenum of the National Committee, CP USA, held at Hotel Albert, New York City. In his talk he discussed the 1946 general election in Pennsylvania, remarking that the Communist Party favored former Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service EARL G. HARRISON for the U.S. Senate in opposition to Senator JOSEPH GUFFEY. He also discussed the recruiting campaign, saying that the need for strong leadership in cadres must be stressed because cadres must be more fully developed.

Confidential Informant [redacted]  
February 16, 1946

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This witness was present at a meeting of the District Committee, District No. 3, CP USA, at the Broadwood Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., December 16, 1946, at which meeting BART was the first speaker and gave a summary of the National Committee meeting held at New York December 13, 14 and 15. He said in substance that the highlight was the opening address by the National Chairman, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, who discussed a Party building drive as an urgent political necessity. After discussion by the National Committee it was decided to build the Party among the youth and to educate American youth in the need for Socialism. BART reported FOSTER as having said that the rising tide of struggle of the American working class, as reflected in the strikes of almost 2,000,000 workers, demands the rapid growth of the Communist Party; that Capitalism was sinking deeper into a general crisis; and that there was a leftward trend which has resulted in the world-wide growth of the Communist Party. BART then quoted FOSTER as saying "The difficult economic and political problems in the United States not only provide a basis for but imperatively demand a great strengthening of the Communist Party." He further quoted FOSTER as follows: "We must mobilize the whole membership to play the role it is destined to play as a Party in the most imperialistic nation in the world."

He said that FOSTER had stressed the importance of raising Communist morale until the whole Party feels a hatred toward Capitalism and feels that Capitalism by its very character is a breeder of war. He said that FOSTER described the Communist Party as "a fighting party, as

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the whole history of the organization is noted for, and the time to fight is rapidly drawing at hand".

In concluding the talk BART stated that it was decided that the Communist Party must develop a great drive against trusts and Capitalism.

Confidential Informant [redacted]  
February 22, 1946

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This witness made available to Special Agent JOHN E. KENFE, of the FBI, a mimeographed letter dated February 22, 1946 addressed "Dear Comrade", signed "PHIL BART, for the District Board". This letter appeals to the recipient to attend Lenin Memorial Rally, paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of which reads as follows:

"In recent days we have witnessed a new attempt of the reactionary forces on an international scale to split the Big Three Alliance—the U.S., Soviet Union, and Great Britain. This was brought out most sharply in the Canada "Spy Scare" which has been picked up by every Capitalist sheet in the land.

"In our own city the Philadelphia Record, hiding under the false flag of 'Liberalism' has championed in its editorial columns the most violent attacks against the Soviet Union and for a break of the Big Three. It has simultaneously connected this campaign with lynch spirit editorials not only against the Communists but every progressive in our city.

"Let us honor LENIN by making Tuesday's meeting at the Met a great rally under the leadership of our Communist Party and an answer to this reactionary campaign."

Confidential Informant I-7  
February 26, 1946

This witness was present at the Lenin Memorial Rally sponsored by District No. 3, Communist Party, USA, February 26, 1946 at the Metropolitan Opera House, Broad and Poplar Streets, Philadelphia. BART was chairman of this meeting and introduced the main speaker, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman, Communist Party, USA. FOSTER was quoted by the witness as having

said in the course of his speech "Let us strive to do the following: abolish Capitalism for future security, unite all workers into a world Socialist Party, build a strong Communist Party within the United States to destroy the jungle depth deceleration brought about by Capitalism."

Sergeant HERBERT E. GERRILL,  
Pennsylvania State Police  
February 26, 1946

This witness in a report furnished to the Philadelphia Field Division stated that he attended the Lenin Memorial Rally at the Metropolitan Opera House, Philadelphia, February 26, 1946, and that in the course of his speech BART made the following statements: "The Communist Party will nominate candidates of its own who will bring their own program to this city. The Communist Party must begin to strike out on an independent course to

1. Regain a policy for the Big Three
2. No support for Fascist Spain
3. Fight against high prices
4. Support veterans' demands
5. Nominate its own candidates

Communists in the United States are no different than the Communists in other states. Socialist society is of benefit to all people."

Confidential Informant   
March 2, 1946

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This witness attended a meeting of the District Committee, District No. 3, CP USA, Metropolitan Opera House, Broad and Poplar Streets, Philadelphia, 9:00 PM March 2, 1946. At that meeting BART was a speaker. In substance he suggested that every club go on record as concurring with the National Committee's expulsion of BROWDER from the Party. He discussed Communist Party policy in other countries and made particular reference to the attack on the Communist Party by Cardinal SPILLMAN in New York, displaying considerable antagonism toward the Vatican. He mentioned a conflict between the Vatican and the rapidly growing Communist Party in Italy and discussed briefly WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's trip to Cuba, where FOSTER was favorably impressed with the number and influence of Communist Party members.

The Worker  
March 10, 1946

March 10, 1946 issue of the Worker reported BART's speech at the Lenin Memorial Rally in Philadelphia on February 26, 1946, quoting portions of it. The Worker is available at the Bureau.

Confidential Informant   
March 10, 1946

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This witness on March 10, 1946 attended a general membership meeting of the Lehigh Valley-Beck's County Section, CP USA, Crestian Hall, Bethlehem, Pa., at which BART was a speaker. In his remarks BART discussed the role that BROWDER was then playing and asked that those present concur with the National Board in its decision to expel BROWDER from the Communist Party.

Sergeant ROBERT C. FREE,  
Troop A,  
Pennsylvania State Police,  
March 24, 1946.

This witness made available a copy of the script of radio address which BART made on Sunday, March 24, 1946 at 11:45 AM from Station WAZL, Hazleton, Pa., on the subject "Why You Should Join the Communist Party". Witness obtained copy of the script from the radio station.

In the course of this radio talk BART said "The Communist Party, on the other hand, is the Party of the American working class. It represents the interests of the American workers and can therefore be found in the forefront of every struggle of the workers and people in general. It is no accident that every progressive movement in our country is immediately labelled Communist and we are proud of this label. We are proud of the fact that we were the first to champion unemployment insurance, the struggle for Negro rights, the organization of millions of unorganized workers, and every cause in the people's interests."

He also said "Communist Party believes that only when the workers own and control the industries of the nation will the people be able to get the full fruits of their labor. This will come about only when the workers and the majority of the people are determined to bring this about."

"When this is done the workers and all people will establish a Socialist society where they produce for their own needs and their own interests as against the present Capitalist society which produces only for the private profit of the corporation. But this is not something that will come of itself. By fighting for better conditions today, for a stronger labor movement and greater power for the workers and their organization we are helping to lay the foundation for a Socialist society."

"The Communist Party is now in a drive to increase its membership. The working class of our country needs a strong Communist Party, needs a political organization that champions their interests four-square and mobilize the people to put it into effect. The stronger the Communist Party the stronger and more progressive the labor movement and all other people's organizations."

Confidential Informant   
April 2, 1946

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This witness advised Special Agent GEORGE E. TUCKER, FBI, on April 2, 1946 that he had recently conferred with PHIL BART, at which time BART informed him very definitely that the Communist Party was going underground. He explained by saying that although the Party would conceal the names of members, membership book records and correspondence, an effort would be made definitely and publicly to identify front organizations with Communism and bring their membership into active membership in the Party. He suggested that the witness leave all important records with a trusted Party sympathizer who was not known as such, or possibly hide them in some outbuilding so that if his home were raided they would not be discovered. BART specifically instructed that Party application and membership cards should not be sent through the mail. He said that in corresponding with Party functionaries and members no names should be used but a system of initials should be worked out for identification. He also said that telephone conversations to district headquarters and well known functionaries should be so conducted as not to reveal the identity of the persons talking and that the subject matter of the conversation should be concealed by use of innuendo and phrases.

Confidential Informant ☐  
April 20, 1946

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This witness made available to Special Agent CHARLES G. CLEVELAND, of the FBI, a mimeographed letter dated April 20, 1946 addressed to all Communist Party clubs over the typed signature of PHIL BART, District 3 Chairman. Subject matter of the letter was the CPA and in it BART called upon every club to develop a campaign in the name of the Party for the retention of CPA. The concluding paragraph of the letter was as follows:

"Our Party should on this occasion take initiative in fighting against the reactionary gang in Congress, which by this act is trying to undermine the standards of living of the workers and people generally. We could consider this as part of our whole election struggle. This activity in no wise should detain a campaign to build our Party. On the contrary, to the extent that Communists are involved in the struggles for the people, to the same extent will we be able to bring in new members and increase the strength and influence of our Party."

Exhibit No. 8 available in Philadelphia Field Division.

Confidential Informant ☐  
May 27, 1946

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This witness made available a partial mailing list of The Worker which he said was maintained at the Locust Book Shop, 269 S. 11th Street. This shop is operated by the Communist Party and is the literature and propaganda outlet in Philadelphia. PHIL BART's name was included in a list of subscribers to The Worker.

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This witness has continued to furnish over a period of time to Special Agents CHARLES G. CLEVELAND, BERNARD J. CONNELL, and FRANK J. SANDIN Daily Worker mailing wrappers addressed to PHIL BART, 250 S. Broad Street.

Confidential Informant T-8  
June, 1946

This witness furnished Special Agent JOSEPH MADAMS a mimeographed sheet headed "Call to District Convention Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 21, 22, 23, 1946 at the Met, Broad and Poplar Streets, Philadelphia."

This sheet was signed by PHILIP BART, Chairman, and JOE KUZMA, Organizational Secretary, and read in part as follows:

"In accordance with our Constitution, Article VI, Section 1, a special District Convention is called for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 21, 22 and 23, at the Met, Broad and Poplar Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. The Convention will open Friday, June 21, 7:30 PM.

"Nearly one year has passed since our last Convention which adopted a policy breaking with the revisionism of BROWDER and once again reconstituted the Communist Party on the policy of Marxism-Leninism. During this year the war was brought to a victorious conclusion but the Imperialistic contradictions, which are the basis for war, remain, and the threat for a new world war still exists. The Anglo-American Imperialist alliance has been responsible for weakening of Big Three unity and giving support to reactionary forces all over the world."

The letter contained the following statement: "Our Party in calling this special convention is laying special stress on the examination and review of the leadership elected at the last convention. We aim to strengthen the proletarian corps of our leadership and add to our District Committee those who have participated in the recent struggles of the workers."

The last paragraph of the letter reads as follows: "We call upon our whole Party to mobilize for this convention with the aim of mobilizing our work more effectively, consolidating our organization, and electing a leadership to carry through the tasks facing the working class of our Party."

Exhibit No. 9 available in the Philadelphia Field Division.

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June 21, 1946

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This witness made available to Special Agent ROBERT N. HOLMES an edited typewritten copy of PHIL BART's speech at the opening session of the District Convention, Metropolitan Opera House, Broad and Poplar Streets, Phila. This speech, which was a long one, was a comprehensive summary of the Party's plans and accomplishments and contained the following statements: "The Communists by their cooperation with labor and other progressives can initiate that

broad mass movement which is essential to defeat the most reactionary candidates, influence the position of those who are endorsed, and lay the basis for the creation of a third Party.

"Through united front action large masses of people will mobilize and participate in fighting for the aims agreed to by the particular united front movement. As a result they gain experience for greater struggles. They learn that only through united action can they achieve results. They advance farther in the struggle against reaction and can develop the united front movement on a higher level.

"In either case, however, the Communist Party has the responsibility to help bring into being such united front actions either through the direct approach of the club, through other organizations, or in some instances on the initiation of Party members in the labor movement and in community organizations. Such united front action should not, however, minimize the independent role of the Party. On the contrary, they go hand in hand; by bringing clearly the issues before the people we can stimulate mass movements and win the working class for a united struggle against Capitalist reaction."

"Communists by training themselves in the principles of Marxism and Leninism can avoid these constant influences which lead us to right opportunism or left sectarianism. Our Party has just gone through a serious struggle against revisionism which had permeated our whole organization. What was this revisionism that had affected our Party? It was an effort to discard the historically tested principles of MARX, ENGELS, LENIN and STALIN and revise those ideas to suit a particular purpose. Instead of working out our policies on the basis of the Marxist science we followed BROWDER's policy which revised that science. Instead of having the science of Marxism and Leninism we had a revisionist form which was anti-Marxist. As a result instead of developing a policy of class struggle, BROWDER revised it into class collaboration. Instead of building a stronger Communist Party BROWDER proposed the dissolution of the Party.

"At our last National Convention we broke with these revisionist ideas and once again placed our Party on the Marxist-Leninist road.

"Our Party must make one of its major undertakings the organization of intensive educational activity among its membership and leadership. There is only one guarantee that our Party will pursue a correct policy.



that is the Marxist training of its membership and leadership. This phase of activity has been sorely neglected. While our former Educational Director, JACK DEVINE, did not carry out his tasks, the main responsibility lies with the District Board and first of all with myself as Chairman of the Party.

"Immediately following this Convention an educational program must be developed. It must include leadership classes in the district, section, clubs, and week-end schools. At least one full time district school this year. A special training program for instructors has to be organized. This must be carried out simultaneously with educational activities in all clubs and special attention to our shop and industrial clubs and our active forces in the trade unions.

"A gauge of our Marxist education is the amount of Marxist-Leninist political literature sold. This has reached a negligible figure. While our membership has increased the amount of theoretical literature sold has remained static and in many instances declined. We must develop and organize a systematic sale of theoretical literature in Party clubs and assure that every leading Communist has the beginning of a Marxist-Leninist Library.

" . . . . . To the extent that the clubs can initiate community activities, organized mass movements in their areas, to this extent will we build a strong mass movement and a strong Communist Party. We must make the slogan of Party organization 'The Party is as strong as the sum total of its clubs'. An able club leadership, trained and experienced, using initiative, is the guarantee of a strong Communist organization. This is the direction of the Party, this is the goal we must achieve.

"Our Party is the advanced Party in modern society. The theories of scientific Socialism chart the course of the Soviet Union. It guides the Party in all other lands. While Fascist military might was crushed in battle, capitalists in every land continue to scream against Communism but the Communist Party is now stronger and has greater support in many countries.

"During the war Communists stood out as the great heroes and best defenders in all countries especially in all those who were under Fascist oppression. While imperialism seeks new fields of exploitation and oppression it is fighting a losing battle. Communism is in the advance.

It is fighting for a new world, a Socialist world. Let the capitalists gloat about their profits of today, tomorrow belongs to the working class, to the new Socialist society.

Let us at this convention outline our program of work and, inspired by our cause, go out to build a strong Communist Party and strong labor movement in our district."

Exhibit No. 15 available Philadelphia Field Division.

Confidential Informant T-3

June 22, 1946

This witness advised that at the District No. 3 Convention on this date DAVE DAVIS, a member of the District No. 3 and National Committee, CP USA, in his capacity as Chairman of the presiding committee of the Convention read characterizations of the Board members in the district who were recommended for re-election to the District Committee. The characterization of PHIL BART was as follows: "In six months BART has established in the district a basis for collective leadership and has made many contributions to the Party. He has paid close attention to the affairs of the Party outside the city of Philadelphia and tries in his work to overcome the old Bureaucratic methods."

Confidential Informant T-4

June 23, 1946

This witness attended the banquet for the Convention delegates which wound up the District Convention and which was held Sunday evening, June 23, 1946, at Bookbinder's Restaurant, 2nd and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia. PHIL BART acted as chairman and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the CP USA, gave the principal address, in the course of which he made the following remarks: "Let me tell you an incident that happened in our political bureau one time in New York. BROWDER had displayed the unmitigated insolence to write to the New York Times offering to liquidate our Party, offering to discuss with them the liquidation of the Communist Party. We spent our whole lives building this Party and then this bourgeois undertakes to write to the capitalist paper to discuss with them the liquidation of our Party. During this discussion of our political views about this question of liquidation I remember BROWDER said one time 'If President ROOSEVELT (this was during the war) would tell me that the liquidation of the Communist Party was necessary for national unity', he said, 'I would liquidate the Communist Party.' Well,

I undertook to chip in on that and I said, 'Now, President ROOSEVELT, we have respect for him and his policies, but I want to say if President ROOSEVELT told me to liquidate the Communist Party I would tell him to go to hell.'

Confidential Informant T-3  
June 23, 1946

This witness reported that PHIL BART made a speech summarizing the proceedings of the District Convention. This speech was made on the afternoon of Sunday, June 23, and his concluding remarks in that speech were as follows: 'We belong to a Party dedicated to the destruction of Capitalism and exploitation. We are fighting to bring Socialism to the people. As Communists we feel a close kinship with our brother members all over the world whose activities are a constant inspiration to us, an inspiration and example to make ourselves as worthy as Communists as they have already achieved in their countries. First of all of constant guidance is the great Party of the Soviet Union, the great French Party which has helped us so much. From the Yugoslavs headed by Marshal TITO and China for its MAO TSE TUNG, and our own BILL FOSTER, the National Chairman of our Party.'

Special Agent J. PHILIP KOCHENDEWER,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
July 1, 1946.

This witness surveilled a meeting of leading trade union functionaries of the Communist Party in District No. 3 held July 1, 1946 at 8:00 PM in Room C-10, Broadwood Hotel, Broad and Wood Streets, Philadelphia. Surveillance was conducted without technical aid or trespass. PHIL BART was the first speaker and advised those present that the purpose of the meeting was to make certain propositions as to what policies would be followed by the Party and its union following concerning the passage of an adequate GPA Bill. He proposed the following action:

- Formation of a city-wide committee to prepare a mass demonstration within one week;
- Stoppage demonstrations of five to fifteen minutes in all plants;
- Formation of tenants' councils to act in a supervisory capacity to all individuals who face evictions or increase in rent;

**Demonstrations at a military exhibition  
planned for July 4th in Fairmount Park;  
Party clubs to take leadership in the above  
activities and distribute leaflets.**

The Worker  
July 7, 1946

This issue of The Worker reported that PHIL BART, Eastern Pennsylvania Communist Chairman, took part in a radio forum over station WFIL, Philadelphia, in its Town Meeting broadcast. This forum took place the previous Sunday. Subject was "Can Communism and Democracy Exist Together in a World of Peace". Speakers besides BART were Representative MITCHELL W. SWEENEY, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, JOHN F. LEWIS, Jr., Vice-President, Philadelphia Council of American-Soviet Friendship, former Supreme Court Justice OWEN ROBERTS was moderator. BART was reported as having stressed the present threat to peace from American monopolists, whose support to reactionary and Fascist forces has become the Administration's foreign policy.

Special Agent ROBERT W. HILMES  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
September 20, 1946

This witness attended the 27th Anniversary Rally, the CP USA, at Town Hall, Broad and Race Streets, 8:30 PM, September 20, 1946. This rally was open to the members of the public. PHIL BART was one of the featured speakers and in the course of his speech said "The Communist Party is the Party of the working class, who must come to own the means and machinery of production now owned by monopolists. We must replace the reactionaries in the government with progressive people."

Confidential Informant   
September 25, 1946

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On this date witness furnished Special Agent EDWARD J. CONNELL, FBI, with a rough draft of a letter in the handwriting of PHIL BART. This letter read as follows: "Dear Sisters and Brothers--Your new struggle for the welfare of the maritime workers has won the support and admiration of the workers in this country. Our Party joins the labor movement in support of your strike. If there is anything that your membership and leadership thinks we can do to help the Communist Party will be

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happy to do so. We send you our sincerest wishes for a quick victory in this struggle. Fraternally, PHIL B"

Exhibit No. 10 available in the Philadelphia Field Division.

Confidential Informant   
November 15, 1946

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This witness attended a city-wide membership meeting, Communist Party, held in the Crystal Room of the Broadwood Hotel at 8:00 PM November 15, 1946. Admission was by membership card only. PHIL BART was one of the speakers and in the course of his speech he made the following remarks: "What an important part we have to play. We have to unite these progressive forces, labor, farm and middle class business, in order to create a third party for the 1948 elections."

Confidential Informant NY 169  
December 3, 1946

An enlarged plenum of the National Committee of the Communist Party was held in the Roof Room of the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street, New York, December 3, 4 and 5, 1946. At the opening session, called to order 10:10 AM December 3, HENRY WINTON, National Organizational Secretary, CP USA, announced that a sub-committee had been established to work out a financial policy for building and for obtaining funds for the Daily Worker. PHILIP BART of Pennsylvania was announced as a member of this committee.

Confidential Informant   
December 8, 1946

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This witness advised that a special meeting of the Bethlehem Steel Club, Lehigh Valley Section, District No. 3, CP USA, was held Sunday, December 8, 1946, 12:30 PM, at the home of CHARLES SPENCER, 490 E. New Street, Bethlehem, Pa. BART was a speaker at this meeting and said in part "The calling off of the coal strike arouses new questions in the mind of labor. We must be prepared to give these workers the correct answers."

Confidential Informant   
December 11, 1946

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This witness made available to Special Agent FRANCIS J. SANDIN, FBI, a list in the handwriting of RALPH OLICK, Educational Director, Communist

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Party, USA, District No. 3. This list was headed "Communist Party Functionaries Class, Wednesday, December 11, 1946, 9:00 AM, Place 1306 N. 7th Street 7". This heading is followed by the word "Students" and a list of 19 names, each numbered. Name No. 1 is PHIL B. Exhibit No. 11 available Philadelphia Field Division.

Confidential Informant T-9  
December 15, 1946

On January 7, 1947 this witness made available to Special Employee PHILIP W. CONOVER and Special Agent ROBERT W. HOLMES 29 typewritten pages of a rough draft of a speech which BART had delivered on December 15, 1946 at the meeting of the District Committee, District No. 3, CP USA, Broadwood Hotel. That speech included the following remarks:

"Comrade DENNIS in his report to the National Committee outlined a legislative program for the 80th Congress. He included a people's tax program, a five-year federal housing program providing for 3,000,000 new dwellings a year with top priority to vets, maintenance of rent controls without rent increases, increased appropriations for veterans, enforcement of the National Labor Relations Act and the Norris-Iatchard Act without amendments, repeal of the Smith-Connally Act, extensive long-term credits in relief grants to countries devastated by the war.

"We must augment this national program with one for the State Legislature which will convene simultaneously with the 80th Congress. We should raise the need of a state FPC, the outlawing of the Ku Klux Klan, anti-Semitism and all forms of discrimination against minorities, opposition to any sales tax, a veterans' bonus augmenting the national housing program, with state and local appropriations, and opposition to the city wage tax, a state rent control law to go into effect if national rent control is abolished, opposition to any anti-ordinal syndicalist bill which will in effect be directed against the trade unions, as well as the Communist Party."

Exhibit No. 12 available Philadelphia Field Division.

Confidential Informant   
January 9, 1947

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This witness made available to Special Agent W. ARTHUR AULL, FBI, a letter dated December 30, 1946 bearing the typewritten signatures of HARRY E. BROWN and J. G. KIDY, announcing a meeting to be held Thursday,

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January 9, 1947, at the Quakers Hall, 126 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pa., at 8:00 PM. The letter announced that PHIL BART, Eastern District of Pennsylvania Organizer, Communist Party, USA, would be the principal speaker and that his subject would be "Unite the People Against the Trusts". The information to be given by BART, according to the letter, was to be based upon the action and decisions of the National Committee, which in a recent session discussed the mobilization of all the people to defeat the trusts and reactionaries in Congress and state legislatures.

Exhibit No. 13 available Philadelphia Field Division.

Confidential Informant   
January 29, 1947

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This witness attended a meeting of the Lehigh Valley-Bucks County Section Committee held January 29, 1947 at 8:00 PM at the home of CHARLES SPENCER, 450 S. New Street, Bethlehem, Pa. The agenda was announced as

1. Labor unity
2. Party building
3. Lenin Memorial Rally

PHIL BART was the speaker and in part his remarks were as follows: "The Party must alert the workers to the real threat facing labor through the trusts.

"We should reverse the National Association of Manufacturers' slogan of "what's good for business is good for the Community" to "what's good for labor is good for the community". We must arouse the spirit of the community to endorse labor's just demands.

Confidential Informant   
January 31, 1947

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This witness attended a meeting of the District Board, District No. 3, CP USA, held January 31, 1947 at 8:00 PM at 1306 N. 7th Street, Philadelphia. The agenda of this meeting was as follows:

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1. 1947 district budget
2. Steel problems
3. District Committee meeting

PHIL BART was present and spoke in part as follows: The Party must alert the workers to the danger that faces them in 1947. They must be aroused to the necessity of rallying around the steel workers demands and the Party people working in steel must bring to the attention of their local union meetings the importance of calling mass meetings of the rank and file to show the trusts that the union means business and is not going to give in on any demands without a struggle.



CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

- T-1 - A highly confidential and reliable source having access to the premises of the UNION SQUARE OPTICAL SERVICE, INC., New York City.
- T-2 - A trash cover on the home of HARRIET FAHEY, 1238 S. 45th St., Philadelphia.
- T-3 - Confidential Informant PH-T-10, a microphone surveillance conducted by Special Agents EDWARD MURPHY, ALBERT L. PIERCE and Special Employee EDWARD J. CRAIG. Special Employee CRAIG took stenotype notes on some phases of the proceedings and recordings were made of the entire proceedings, which were transcribed substantially verbatim.
- T-4 - PH-T-11. A microphone surveillance of the installation banquet which concluded the district convention conducted without trespass by Special Agents WILLIAM H. SELBY and RAYMOND L. FAISST. Recordings were made of the entire proceedings and these records were transcribed substantially verbatim.
- T-5 - Microphone surveillance of the District Committee meeting conducted without trespass by Special Agents ALBERT L. PIERCE and ROBERT W. HOLMES. Recordings were made of the entire proceedings.
- T-6 - Confidential report (Case 54 M) of the Public Relations Squad, New York City Police Dept., 400 Broome St., New York City, which was made available to the New York Field Division through Capt. JAMES HONNELLY.
- T-7 - HENRY BROGHAN, Special Investigator, Quartermaster Depot, Philadelphia, Pa.
- T-8 - Trash cover on home of IKE KOSTROW, 4128 Stiles St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- T-9 - Trash cover on home of PHIL BART, 900 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.

These informants have been designated by temporary symbols in accordance with the instructions of the Bureau in referenced letter.

SAC, Philadelphia

March 23, 1947

Director, FBI

PHILIP BART, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Your file #100-22157)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Robert W. Holmes dated March 7, 1947, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

An examination of page 30 of referenced report will reflect that confidential informant T-1 is identified as a highly confidential and reliable source having access to the premises of the Union Square Optical Service, Inc., New York City. Confidential informant T-6 is identified as a confidential report of the Public Relations Squad, New York City Police Department.

On page 5 information received from confidential informant NYT-25, NYT-26, NYT-52 and NYT-231 is set out. On page 10 information received from confidential informant NYT-3, NYT-25 and NYT-26 is set out. As pointed out to you in the original instructions requesting the preparation of the summary report, it was the Bureau's desire that only legally admissible evidence be used. It is apparent that in the case of informant T-1 and the NYT informants that this information was obtained in such a manner that it could not possibly be used as evidence. In so far as informant T-6 is concerned, which is the report of the Public Relations Squad, it is apparent that no steps have been taken by you to determine the identity of the person originally furnishing this information in order that he might be used as a witness in the event that it becomes necessary to do so.

The information attributed to the NYT informants as well as that from T-1 is being deleted from the copies of the report of Special Agent Holmes at the Bureau, and you are requested to make the same deletions at your office. In regard to the information obtained from T-6, you are requested to contact the New York Office as to the identity of the informant originally furnishing this information and determine if this informant is available as a witness, and, if not, you are requested to delete that information from the copies of the report in your office and advise the Bureau so that the Bureau copies may be corrected accordingly.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>AUG 4 1949</b>	3/21/49 256/11/49, 2/1/49, 2/1/49 27-30; 7/1, 5, 6/49	REPORT MADE BY <b>BERNARD J. CONNELL</b>
TITLE <b>PHILIP BART, was.          Phil Bart, Phil Burt, Philip Strauss,          Philip Beral</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** PHIL BART continues as District Chairman of CP, USA, District #3 and is the highest ranking functionary in the District. On 7-18-48 BART was elected to the District Committee of District #3 and also elected delegate to the 14th National Convention of CP, USA. Attended latter convention and was elected to Resolutions Committee of this Convention. Member of District #3 Board, Editor of Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker, member of the National Press Committee, and member of Executive Board of CRC. He attends CP, USA National Committee meetings. Acted as liaison man with PCA and is contact between National Office of CP, USA and national offices of FTA-CIO. Description set out.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau File 100-3284.

**DETAILS: I. BACKGROUND**

PHIL BART continues to reside at 900 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with his wife, CONSTANCE STRAUSS BART. (T-1, an informant of known reliability, 6-14-49).

The current Bell Telephone directory indicates that his telephone number at the above address is Market 7-2573.

PHIL BART was reported to be earning \$50.00 per week as of August 1, 1947. This income was from Communist Party, USA, District #3, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. (T-2, an informant of known reliability, 8-1-47).

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As of January 1, 1949, it was reported that his gross salary was \$45.00 per week and that his net income was \$41.10. Deductions listed from his gross salary were \$3.00 for income tax, 45¢ for Social Security, and 45¢ for Philadelphia wage tax. (T-3, an informant of known reliability, 3-1-49).

The reduction in salary to \$41.10 per week became effective as of January 1, 1949, but it has been reported that BART still receives \$50.00 per week in actual salary. For the week ending May 7, 1949, BART was paid a total of \$41.10 for wages, and \$8.90 expenses, which totalled \$50.00. (T-3, 5-14-49).

For the week ending May 27, 1949, BART was paid wages totalling \$41.10 (T-3, 6-10-49).

During the year 1948, it was reported that BART, whose Social Security number is 356-14-9954, received a total of \$2,926.60 in wages from the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, and further, that \$268.00 was withheld for Federal Income Tax. (T-3, 3-1-49).

In early 1949, BART was invited to visit the Philadelphia Office of the Internal Revenue to discuss his 1946 tax returns. BART visited this office on January 3, 1949, and after discussion with a representative of the Internal Revenue Bureau, it was agreed that he owed the government an amount close to \$93.90. BART intended to obtain a personal loan to pay this amount, but it was decided by other District officials that BART should not pay this amount, but rather, that District #3 of the Communist Party, USA, should make this payment. (T-4, an informant of known reliability, 1-3-49).

The headquarters employees of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania have group membership in the Associated Hospital Service of Philadelphia, under Group Number E6686. An application executed in the name of PHIL BART shows that his active membership in this group plan became effective August 15, 1948. At that time he gave his date of birth as June 27, 1902 and showed his wife, CONSTANCE BART, as a dependent. His position was not listed. However, his employer was shown to be the Communist Party of Pennsylvania. (T-5, an informant of known reliability, 1-4-49).

## II. COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP

It was reported that for the year 1947, PHIL BART was registered in the Communist Party under Card #76997. The informant who observed this card which was executed on November 16, 1946, stated that the registrant identified himself

as a full time functionary, a white, employed male, 44 years of age, who had been a member of the Communist Party for 23 years. The person to whom this registration was assigned indicated he was not a war veteran and was of Jewish extraction. According to the informant, the card bore the information that the holder's 1946 card number was 50375. (T-3, 3-29-47).

A review of the files of this office reflect that BART's birth-date is June 28, 1902, which would make him 44 years of age at the time the above mentioned registration card was filled out. BART was never a war veteran and at the time this card was completed, was a full time functionary of the Communist Party, USA, District #3.

According to a reliable informant, T-6, on December 3, 1945, PHIL BART became the new District Organizer for the Philadelphia area, effective December 2, 1945. The same informant also advised that BART was formerly secretary of District #8 in the Chicago area. By letter dated October 2, 1947, the Chicago Office advised that the 1946 Communist Party Membership Card #50375 fell within the series of membership cards which were issued in the Chicago area in 1946.

PHIL BART was in attendance at the District Convention of the Communist Party, USA, District #3, held at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, North Broad Street, Philadelphia, on July 16, 17, and 18, 1949. At the opening session on July 16, 1948, PHIL BART gave the principal address and at the concluding session on July 18, 1948, BART gave a summary of the convention proceedings. (T-7, an informant of known reliability, 7-16,18-48).

According to the same informant, on July 18, 1948, BART was elected to the District Committee, with a total of 140 votes, and was also elected as a delegate to the 14th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, receiving a total of 140 votes. The 14th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, was held in New York City on August 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1948. At the third session, held on Tuesday afternoon, August 3, 1948, BART was one of 18 persons nominated for the Resolutions Committee, which committee was unanimously elected. (T-8, an informant of known reliability, 8-3-49).

At the fifth session of this convention, held on Wednesday afternoon, August 4, 1948, PHIL BART spoke during the discussion on Party building. (T-8, 8-4-48).

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The Constitution of the Communist Party, as adopted by the Communist Party, USA, on July 28, 1945, and amended by the Communist Party on August 6, 1948, reads in part as follows:

ARTICLE VI, dealing with the structure of the Party, Section 3 states:

"District organizations may be established by the National Committee. Where these cover two or more states, the State Committee shall be under the jurisdiction of the District Committees, elected by and representing the Party membership of the states composing these Districts. The rules which govern the District Conventions and the election of leading committees shall be the same as those provided for the State organization."

ARTICLE VII, dealing with the National organization, states in Section 2,

"The National Convention shall be composed of delegates elected by the State and District Conventions. The delegates shall be elected on the basis of the numerical strength of the State or District organizations. The basis for representation shall be determined by the National Committee. Delegates to the National Convention shall have been members of the Party in continuous good standing for at least two years."

### III. POSITIONS HELD IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY

There will be set out below, items to show that BART held the following titles and positions:

Chairman, District #3, Communist Party, USA  
Chairman, District #3 Board  
Chairman, Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware

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Editor, Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker  
Chairman, District #3 Committee  
Member of the National Press Committee of Communist Party, USA.

<u>Date and Type of Item</u>	<u>BART's Title</u>	<u>Contents of Item</u>	<u>Source</u>
Letter to BART, dated 2-18-47	As member of District Board	Report of Lehigh Valley Section Organizer	T-3, 3-29-47.
Undated letter prior to 2-19-47	PHIL BART of CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District	Sent notice of CP State Legislators Conference to be held on 2-25-47 in Harrisburg.	T-9, an informant of known reliability, 3-15-47.
Undated Announcement	Chairman, District Board	Urging attendance at Lenin Memorial Meeting of 2-21-47	T-10, an informant of known reliability, 3-14-47.
Press Release 3-27-47	PHIL BART of Philadelphia District	Announcement he sent in check for \$5,000 to CP Fighting Fund	Daily Worker of 3-27-47
News Item of 4-27-47	Chairman of CP, Eastern Pennsylvania	Urged building of Communist Party	Worker of 4-27-47
Letter dated 5-5-47	To PHIL BART at CP Headquarters	Request for BOB KLONSKY to attend District Committee Meeting of 5-10-47	T-2, 5-16-47.
Letter dated 5-9-47	To PHIL BART at CP Headquarters	States new functionary will not be able to attend District Committee Meeting of 5-10-47 as BART requested	T-2, 5-13-47.

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<u>Date and Type of Item</u>	<u>BART's Title</u>	<u>Contents of Item</u>	<u>Source</u>
Mimeographed letter dated 6-1-47	Chairman, Eastern Penna. and Delaware	Urging people to attend a banquet to honor Mother BLOC on 6-20-47	T-11, an informant of known reliability, 7-29-47.
Memorandum dated 6-1-47	Chairman of Communist Party	Urging attendance at Party Building Conference on 6-15-47	T-12, an informant of known reliability, 6-26-47.
Undated memorandum	Chairman of Communist Party of Eastern Penna. and Delaware	Copy of letter protests Sender Bill, then in Penna. State Legislature	T-2, 6-21-47
Undated letter from HENRY WINSTON, Communist Party, National Officer	PHIL BART, Communist Party District #3 Headquarters	Reassignment of ED STRONG to Philadelphia as District functionary	T-2, 8-1-47
Letter dated 8-4-47 from HENRY WINSTON of National Communist Party Office	Addressed to BART at Communist Party Headquarters	Inviting him to meeting of all East Coast District Organizers at National Headquarters in New York City 8-11-47	T-2, 8-1-47
Undated Press Release	Chairman, Communist Party, Eastern Penna. and Delaware	Call for repeal of Taft-Hartley Act	T-13, an informant of known reliability, 8-18-47
Two-Page mimeographed statement	Chairman, Communist Party, Eastern District of Pennsylvania	Addressed to Board of County Commissioner, Philadelphia challenging decision to deny place to Communist Party candidate on ballot in 1947	T-2, 9-3-47



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<u>Date and Type of Item</u>	<u>BART's Title</u>	<u>Contents of Item</u>	<u>Source</u>
Press release dated 9-12-47	Chairman of Eastern Penna.	BART called "C.P. plot to sabotage Freedom Train a fraud"	Daily Worker 9-12-47
Newspaper ad of 10-17-47	Chairman, C.P. Eastern Penna.	Announced PHIL BART as speaker at rally on "A Party Conference at Mercantile Hall, 10-25-47"	Daily Worker 10-17-47
Press release	Chairman, C. P. of Eastern Penna.	Announcement of rally to greet Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker to be held 10-25-47	Morning Freiheit, a Yiddish language daily newspaper in Philadelphia, 10-12-47.
Letter dated 10-28-47	Editor, Penna. Edition of the Worker	Urging recipient of letter to obtain subscription to Penna. Edition of the Worker.	T-14, an informant of known reliability, 11-5-47

(It should be noted that a review of the Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker since its inception was made by the writer. From the issue of February 15, 1943, the editorial box in each issue carried PHILIP BART as Editor.)

Newspaper article dated 11-2-47	Chairman of Communist Party	Urging persons to vote against re-election of Mayor Bernard Samuel	Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker, 11-2-47
Typewritten letter dated 12-4-47 from BETTY GANNETT of National Office, Communist Party	One of Eastern Seaboard District Organizers	BART invited to attend meeting of Eastern Seaboard District Organizers 12-9-47 at which Worker Campaign Funds and Registration were discussed	T-2, 12-8-47

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<u>Date and Type of Item</u>	<u>BART'S Title</u>	<u>Contents of Item</u>	<u>Source</u>
Newspaper article dated 1-25-48	Chairman, District Committee	Announcing launching of \$80,000 Fighting Fund Drive in District #3	Pennsylvania Edition of Worker, 1-25-48
Ad in newspaper dated 2-1-48	PHIL BART as Chairman of Communist Party	Listed as speaker at Lenin Memorial Meeting of 2-27-48. Other speakers WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and HENRY WINSTON	Pennsylvania Edition of Worker, 2-1-48
Undated mimeographed leaflet	District Communist Party Chairman	To act as moderator at Round Table discussion on Wallace and 3rd Party in 1948 to be held 2-2-48 at Irvin Coto Elks Lodge, 5701 Vine Street	T-15, an informant of known reliability.
Mimeographed letter dated 2-3-48	Chairman, Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.	Announcing Special meeting of Selected Comrades at 1306 N. 7th Street, 2-7-48	T-16, an informant of known reliability, 2-17-48
Newspaper article 2-18-48	Member of a National Press Committee of Communist Party	Announcement he had been chosen as member of this Committee at National Committee Meeting of 2/2-5/48	Daily Worker, 2-18-48
Newspaper article 5-23-48	Chairman, Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania	Concerning his remarks at anti-Mundt Bill rally at Adelphia Hotel on 5-13-48.	Pennsylvania Edition of Worker, 5-23-48

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<u>Date and Type of Item</u>	<u>BART'S Title</u>	<u>Contents of Item</u>	<u>Source</u>
Text of radio broadcast	Chairman of Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware	Introduced as Chairman over Radio Station WIP, Phila. on 6-2-48 at 7:30 P.M. when he spoke against Mundt-Nixon Bill	T-17, an informant of known reliability, 4-11-49
Typewritten memorandum	PHIL BART as Chairman	Announcing meeting of Committee on Leadership on 6-23-48	T-18, an informant of known reliability, 6-29-48
Rough draft of undated letter	Chairman, Communist Party, USA, District #3	Call to District #3 Convention of 7/16,17,18/48	T-19, an informant of known reliability, 5-25-48
Letter to all Communist Party Clubs in District #3, dated 9-7-48	Chairman	Call to aid Civil Rights Congress in their collection of \$250,000 for defense of 12	T-20, an informant of known reliability, 9-14-48.
Mimeographed notice dated 9-8-48	Chairman of District Committee	Announcing a Phila. City Convention to be held 9-19-48	T-9, 9-11-48
Letter dated 9-22-48	District Chairman	Announcing stabbing of BOB THOMPSON of Communist Party National Committee of 9-22-48 and also announced Emergency meeting on 9-23-48	T-2, 9-23-48
Newspaper article dated 9-26-48	Eastern Penna. Communist Chairman	Will speak at mass rally at Turner's Hall, Phila. 10-7-48 protesting indictment of 12	Penna. Edition of Worker 9-26-48

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<u>Date and Type of Item</u>	<u>BART's Title</u>	<u>Contents of Item</u>	<u>Source</u>
Mimeographed letter dated 9-30-48	Chairman of Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania	Announcement that BART will speak at Rally of 10-7-48, to be held at Turner's Hall, Philadelphia.	T-21, an informant of known reliability, 10-13-48
Mimeographed letter dated 10-26-48	District #3 Chairman	Urging recipients to obtain renewals for Pennsylvania Edition of Worker	T-22, an informant of known reliability
Newspaper article dated 3-6-49	Eastern Penna. Communist Chairman	Re raising of District goal of \$60,000 in National Fund Drive	Pennsylvania Edition of Worker, 3-6-49.
Newspaper Item dated 3-9-49	Chairman of Communist Party of Pennsylvania	Announcing a debate BART participated in at Tyler School of Temple University 3-8-49	Temple University News 3-9-49
Memorandum dated 3-20-49	Chairman, Communist Party of Eastern Penna. and Delaware	Memo cited instances of repressive measures and the demand to Communist Party of right to free speech and assembly	T-2, 4-4-49
Undated handbill	Chairman, Communist Party, Eastern Penna. and Delaware	Handbill announcing peace rally at Stephen Girard Hotel Phila. on 4-8-49	T-2, 4-5-49

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<u>Date and Type of Item</u>	<u>BART'S Title</u>	<u>Contents of Item</u>	<u>Source</u>
Newspaper article of 4-17-49	Communist Chairman in Eastern Penna.	Re fact that BART spoke at Peace Rally in Stephen Girard Hotel on 4-8-49	Pennsylvania Edition of Worker, 4-17-49
Open Air Rally	Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania	He was introduced as such prior to speaking at rally at 23rd and Ridge Ave., 4-30-49	Special Agents THERON D. RUSHING and JAMES J. MIDDLETON, 4-30-49
Memorandum dated only April, 1949	Member of District Board	Announcing Conference on White Chauvinism, to be held May 14, 15, 1949.	T-2, 4-8-49

IV. MEMBERSHIP OR POSITIONS HELD IN FRONT GROUPS

The following will be set forth to show BART's connection with the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER and the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS:

<u>Type of Item</u>	<u>BART's Title</u>	<u>Information in Item</u>	<u>Source</u>
Letter from CRC, dated 2-2-49	Chairman of Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania	Letter indicated that BART was chosen by Executive Board of CRC as a voting representative from Communist Party on CRC Executive Board	T-3, 2-2-49
Undated letter from CRC to all Executive Board Members of CRC	Executive Board Member of CRC	Letter announcing CRC Executive Board meeting 2-9-49	T-3, 2-2-49

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<u>Type of Item</u>	<u>BART'S Title</u>	<u>Information in Item</u>	<u>Source</u>
A. Membership List of IWO Lodge 464	PHILIP BART, 900 Pine Street, Philadelphia	Showed BART to be a member of Lodge 464 in IWO	T-38, an informant of known reliability, 11-29-47

V. MEETINGS ATTENDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject's Function</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
2-21-47	Lenin Memorial	Met, Broad and Poplar Streets, Phila.	Chairman	BART criticized State Legislature for stand on FEPC	Special Agents ROBERT W. HOLMES and BERNARD J. CONNELL, 2-21-47
2-22-47	Meeting of Communist Party mem- bers of UE in Phila.	Broadwood Hotel, Phila.	Speaker	Party Building and Recruiting in UE	T-23, an infor- mant of known reliability, 2-22-47
2-25-47	CP State Legislative Conference	William Penn Hotel Harrisburg, Penna.	Chairman	Communist Party Legislative plans for Penna.	T-24, an infor- mant of known reliability, 2-25-47
3-2-47	Party Building Conference	Mercantile Hall, Phila.	Speaker	Recruiting and Party Building	T-25, an infor- mant of known reliability, 3-11-47
3-30-47	District Committee meeting of Western Penna.	Knights of Pythias Hall, 708 Arch St, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Speaker	Recruiting	T-26, an infor- mant of known reliability, 4-1-47

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject's Function</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
3-31-47	Emergency Meeting	Chris J. Perry Elks Hall Phila.	Speaker	Urge drive on registration and funds	T-27, an informant of known reliability, 4-7-47
4-28-47	Special Meeting	Chris J. Perry Elks Hall	Speaker	Fight against Bender Bill	T-11, 4-28-47
5-2-47	May Day Rally	Met, Broad and Poplar Sts. Phila.	Present and sat on stage	Celebrate May Day	Special Agents ROBERT W. HOLMES and FRED C. BIRKBY
5-10,11-47	District Committee Meeting	Chris J. Perry Elks Hall	Speaker 5-11-47	General District discussion	T-28, an informant of known reliability, 5-11-47
5-21-47	Enlarged National Board Meeting	C. P. Headquarters 35 E. 12th St., New York City	Present	Unknown	T-29, an informant of known reliability, 5-21-47
6-8-47	Testimonial Dinner	2014 N. 32nd St., Phila.	Present	Dinner to honor ED DRILL, Section 6 Organizer	T-27, 6-17-47
6-15-47	Party Building Conference	Town Hall	Present	Recruiting	T-27, 6-17-47
<p>(Photos of persons entering and leaving Town Hall were taken by Special Agents JOHN W. DOOLEY and BERNARD J. CONNELL, and Special Employee ALBERT COOPER. These films were exhibited to confidential informants of this office and PHIL BART was identified as appearing in these films by T-25 on 2-7-49; T-27 on 1-5-49, and T-11 on 12-1-48.)</p>					
6-20-47	Banquet	Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Phila.	Present	Testimonial dinner honoring Mother Bloor, Charter member of CP	T-30, an informant of known reliability, 6-20-47

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject's Function</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
6-30-47	District Membership Meeting	Town Hall	Speaker	Dangers of Taft-Hartley Act	T-11-9-29-47; T-30, an informant of known reliability, 9-29-47
7-4-47	Picnic	April Farms, Quakertown, Pa.	Present	Picnic to honor Mother BLOOR	T-25, 7-16-47
8-20-47	Lehigh Valley Section Meeting	Home of MORRIS KLEIN, 520 Oak Street, Allentown	Speaker	Election campaign in Lehigh Valley area	T-25, 8-27-47
9-10-47	Closing Session of 10 day Leadership School	Camp Summerdale, Pa.	Lecturer	Discussion on coming election	T-11, 8-13-47
10-31-47	Testimonial Banquet	Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh	Attended	Banquet to honor PAT CUSH, CP member on his 80th birthday	T-31, an informant of known reliability, 11-2-47
10-4,5-47	Party Building Conference	C. J. Perry Elks Hall	Speaker	He spoke on Party accomplishments	T-25, 10-7-47; T-27, 10-17-47

(Photos were taken of persons attending this conference by Special Agent JACK WALDMAN and ROBERT E. MASTERS and Special Employee ALBERT COOPER. These photos were exhibited to confidential informants of this office and PHIL BART was identified as appearing on these films by T-11 on 12-1-48; T-27 on 1-5-49; and T-25 on 2-7-49.)



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10-25-47	Press and Party Building Conference	C. J. Perry Elks Hall	Chairman	Meeting to greet Penna. Edition of Worker	T-11, 11-10-47
11-16-47	Special Conference	Brith Achim Hall	Speaker	Re coming 1948 election	T-11, 11-29-47
1-7-48	Enlarged District Committee Meeting	Boslover Hall, 701 Pine St.	Present	District Education Program	T-11, 1-31-48
2-7-48	Special Meeting	1306 N. 7th St.	Speaker	Third Party Movement	T-11, 2-19-48
2/3,4,5/48	National Committed Meeting	New York City	Present	Fund Drive	T-11, 2-13-48
2-27-48	Lenin Memorial	Met, Broad and Poplar St. Phila.	Chairman and Speaker	HENRY WINSTON of National Office Communist Party, spoke on Organization	T-11, 3-1-48 T-27, 3-23-48
3-10-48	District-wide Membership Meeting	C. J. Perry Elks Hall	Present	Third Party Movement	T-11, 3-16-48
3-24-48	Section 5 Executive Meeting	1605 South St.	Speaker	Launching Press Drive	T-11, 4-1-48

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject's Function</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
4-8-48	Enlarged Lehigh Valley Section Meeting	721 Hamilton St., Easton	Present	Re release of Lehigh Valley Section Orga- nizer	T-25, 4-14-48
4-24-48	District Board Meeting	2014 N. 32nd St. Phila.	Present	Unknown	T-4, 4-23-48
(A surveillance was placed on this meeting by Special Agents JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY and BERNARD J. CONNELL, who observed BART entering the meeting place with other members of the District Board).					
4-25-48	Special Meeting	Chris J. Perry Elks Hall	Speaker	Aid to C.P. of Alabama	T-27, 5-12-48
5-9-48	Pre-Con- vention discussion for out of town Sections of District #3	98 W. Broad St. Bethlehem	Speaker	Fight against Mundt-Nixon Bill	T-25, 5-15-48
6-6-48	District Committee Meeting	1306 N. 7th St.	Present	Unknown	T-32, an infor- mant of known reliability, 6-5-48.

(Photos were taken of persons attending this meeting by Special Agents JOHN CONNOLLY and BERNARD J. CONNELL and Special Employee ALBERT COOPER. These photos were exhibited to confidential informants of this office and PHIL BART was identified as appearing on these films by T-11 on 12-1-48; T-27 on 1-5-49, and T-25 on 2-7-49).

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject's Function</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
7-16,17, 18-48	District Convention	Chris J. Perry Elks Hall	Speaker	Review of District #3 work since last convention of 1046; elections and usual convention discussions	T-27, 7-17-48; T-25, 7-18-48; T-7, 7-16,17-48

(Photos were taken of persons attending this convention by Special Agent J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER and Special Employee ALBERT COOPER. These photos were exhibited to confidential informants of this office and PHIL BART was identified as appearing on these films by T-27 on 1-5-49; T-11 on 12-1-48; and T-25 on 2-7-49).

8-16-48	Communist Party Conference	Chris J. Perry Elks Hall	Speaker	Indictment of 12 Communist Party leaders	T-27, 8-26-48
9-20-48	Communist Party membership meeting	Chris J. Perry Elks Hall	Speaker	General discussion on C. P. Matters in District #3	T-27, 10-8-48
9-19-48	Phila. County Convention	Chris J. Perry Elks Hall	Speaker	Function of Phila. County C. P. Organization and concentration in Electrical and Waterfront industries	T-33, an informant of known reliability, 9-19-48
9-28-48	Section Organizers Meeting	1306 N. 7th St.	Present	Unknown	T-19, 9-27-48

(A surveillance was placed on this meeting by Special Agents JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT, CARL R. SCHLATTER, JOSEPH M. ADAMS and WILLIAM E. HUGHES, who observed BART entering this meeting place with other members of District #3.)

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject's Function</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
10-7-48	Communist Party Conference	Turner Hall, Phila.	Speaker	Indictment of 12 C. P. leaders	T-27, 10-8-48
11-5-48	District Board Meeting	5540 Walnut St., Phila.	Present	Unknown	T-1, 11-5-48

(A surveillance was placed on this meeting by Special Agents WILLIAM E. HUGHES, ROBERT E. MASTERS, JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY and Special Agent HOWARD W. AMOS and BART was observed entering the meeting place).

11-24-48	Trade Union Conference	Hungarian Workers Hall, E. Lehigh Valley Bethlehem Section	Speaker	Third Party and struggle of miners	T-25, 11-26-48
1-22-49	Enlarged District Committee Meeting	Chris J. Perry Elks Hall	Speaker	Indictment of 12 Communist Party leaders	T-25, 1-24-49; T-34, an informant of known reliability, 1-22-49.

(Photos were taken of persons attending this meeting by Special Agent J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER and Special Employee ALBERT COOPER. BART was identified as appearing these photos by Special Agents JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY and BERNARD J. CONNELL).

2-6-49	Lehigh Valley Section	Carpenter Hall, 98 W. Broad St., Bethlehem	Speaker	Press and literature, and defense of 12 CP leaders	T-25, 2-8-48
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(Photos were taken of persons attending this meeting by Special Agents BERNARD J. CONNELL and WILLIAM F. HEIST, and Special Employee ALBERT COOPER. These photos were exhibited to confidential informants of this office and PHIL BART was identified as appearing on these films by T-25 on 2-7-49.)

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject's Function</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
2-25-49	CRC Emergency Conference	Stephen Girard Hotel, Phila.	Speaker	Defense of 12 and Negro Rights	T-27, 3-23-49
2-27-49	Dinner	Anthony's Restaurant, Phila- delphia.	Speaker	Explanation of policy of CP in regard to war with Russia	T-35, an infor- mant of known reliability, 3-3-49
3-6-49	Conference on Women's Matters	C. J. Perry Elks Hall	Speaker	Discussion on Women's matters in District #3	T-34, 3-6-49
(Photos were taken by Special Agents BERNARD J. CONNELL and JAMES J. MIDDLETON, and Special Employee ALBERT COOPER. BART was identified in these photos by Special Agents JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY and BERNARD J. CONNELL.)					
3-21-49	Lehigh Valley Section Meeting	Hungarian Worker's Hall 1605 E. Third St. Bethlehem	Speaker	North Atlantic Pact Recruiting, National Fund Drive	T-25, 3-24-49
4-8-49	Rally for Peace and Democracy	Stephen Girard Hotel	Speaker	Defense of 12 CP leaders	T-36, an infor- mant of known reliability, 4-13-49; T-37, an infor- mant of known reliability 4-13-49
4-30-49	Open Air May Day Rally	Corner 23rd St. & Ridge Ave. Phila.	Speaker	Peace and China situation	Special Agents THERON D. RUSH, III and JAMES J. MIDDLETON
5-14,15-49	Dist. Conf. Struggle Against White Chauvinism	914 N. Frank- lin St. and Stephen Girard Hotel, both Phila.	Speaker	Struggle for jobs, homes, and decent housing for negroes	T-11, 5-16-49

VI. ACTIVITIES DURING UNDERGROUND PERIOD

During the period from November 11, 1947 to November 15, 1947, the Communist Party temporarily and partially went underground. The first indications of this underground movement occurred on November 11, 1947, when ROBERT KLONSKY, Organizational Secretary of Communist Party, USA, District #3, returned from New York and immediately tried to contact PHIL BART. (T-39, 11-11-47).

Later the same afternoon, BART instructed KLONSKY to meet him at his lawyer's house in Philadelphia, but to make sure that the Communist Party office was locked and that no one remained therein. (T-39, an informant of known reliability, 11-11-47).

During the entire period of this underground movement, it was not known whether PHIL BART stayed at his own residence. However, from the accumulative information furnished by informants of this office, it is believed that BART, during this period, stayed at the home of ED DRILL. (T-27, on June 17, 1947, had characterized ED DRILL as being a highly regarded member of the Communist Party in District #3.

On November 13, 1947, BART met with BEN WEISS, District #3 Financial Secretary, BOB KLONSKY, and HARRY LEVITAN, a Communist Party attorney in the Philadelphia area. The meeting between these four occurred at a restaurant in Philadelphia much removed from the Communist Party headquarters. At the termination of this meeting, BART left the restaurant and walked to a building in down-town Philadelphia, which is operated by relatives of BEN WEISS, where he stayed for some period of time. On leaving this building, BART was very evasive and attempted to conceal his identity by pulling his hat down over his eyes and putting his overcoat collar up around his neck. BART seemed very interested in purchasing copies of New York papers and finally took a subway ride to an extreme end of the city in Philadelphia, where he was met by his wife and ED DRILL. These evasive actions of BART on November 13, 1947 were observed by Special Agents JOSEPH I. GREALY and BERNARD J. CONNELL.

On November 14, 1947, BART was in New York City and advised Confidential Informant T-4 that he would return to Philadelphia on the following day. Upon his return, BART continued to carry on his duties in a normal manner. Throughout most of the period of this underground activity, BART's activities were not of an open nature and did not remain in a position where he could be contacted, but rather left BOB KLONSKY, the Organizational Secretary of District #3 in charge of the Communist Party office. (T-39, 11-11-47).

VII. LIAISON WITH FTA-CIO

Very often during the period covered by this report, Confidential Informants T-4 and T-41, informants of known reliability, have reported that PHIL BART met with National officers and employees of the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America - CIO. Generally the agenda of these meetings were unknown. However, these informants feel that the purpose of the meetings was to advise these trade unionists of acceptable Communist Party policy as it related to the FTA Union.

Some of these meetings are set out below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Others than BART Attending</u>	<u>Source</u>
1-9-47	Broadwood Hotel, Philadelphia	DON HENDERSON, FTA President HAROLD LANE, FTA Secretary-Treasurer JOHN TISA, FTA Organizer JOHN WILLIAMSON, CP National Labor Secretary, and others. BART acted as Chairman of the meeting.	T-40, an informant of known reliability, 1-9-47
1-12-47	Home of HAROLD LANE, 249 South 45th St., Phila.	HAROLD LANE JOHN WILLIAMSON and others	Special Agents JOHN W. DOOLEY and BERNARD J. CONNELL
3-12-47	Home of HAROLD LANE	HAROLD LANE JOHN TISA	Surveillance by Special Agents ROBERT W. HOLMES and JOHN W. DOOLEY
4-7-47	Home of HAROLD LANE	JOHN WILLIAMSON HAROLD LANE and others	Special Agent JOHN W. DOOLEY

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Others Than BART Attending</u>	<u>Source</u>
4-30-47	Dave's Tavern 20th and Market Streets, Phila.	HAROLD LANE	Special Agents JOHN W. DOOLEY and ROBERT W. HOLMES
6-25-47	Dave's Tavern	HAROLD LANE	Special Agents WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR. and ROBERT W. HOLMES
7-10-47	Home of Dr. EARL WCERNER, 1910 Spruce Street, Philadelphia	JOHN WILLIAMSON DON HENDERSON HAROLD LANE JOHN TISA ARMANDO RAMIREZ and others	Surveillance by Special Agents JOHN W. DOOLEY and ROBERT W. HOLMES
10-18-48	Home of DON HENDERSON 821 Foss Avenue, Drexel Hill, Pa.	DON HENDERSON	T-39, 10-18-48
1-6-49	Home of ARMANDO RAMIREZ, 3118 Tyson Avenue, Philadelphia	SID STEIN, Trade Union Secretary, CP DON HENDERSON JOHN WILLIAMSON and others	Surveillance by Special Agents GEORGE B. KENNEDY, EARL MITCHELL, ROBERT B. LEONARD BERNARD J. CONNELL
5-18-49	Dave's Tavern	JOHN TISA	T-41, an informant of known relia- bility, 5-18-49

The FTA News of February 1, 1947 announced that the following persons were FTA officers:

DON HENDERSON, FTA President  
HAROLD LANE, FTA Secretary - Treasurer  
JOHN TISA, FTA Director of Organization  
ARMANDO RAMIREZ, FTA Vice-President.

A review of the above meetings indicate that these are the persons with whom BART met.



**VIII. LIAISON WITH PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA  
AND ATTENDANCE AT FOUNDED CONVENTION OF PROGRESSIVE  
PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

During the period covered by this report, Confidential Informants T-1 and T-4 regularly reported meetings between PHIL BART and MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER.

According to Confidential Informant T-42, an informant of known reliability, on July 7, 1947, OSTRANDER was the Executive Director of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Progressive Citizens of America. Generally the purpose of these meetings was unknown. However, they will be set out to show BART's activities in the political field. The Progressive Citizens of America became inactive in early 1948.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Meeting</u>	<u>BART Met With</u>	<u>Source</u>
5-23-47	Child's Restaurant Chestnut Street, Philadelphia	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	Special Agents ROBERT W. HOLMES and JOHN W. DOOLEY
5-26-47	Child's Restaurant	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	Special Agents WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., JOHN W. DOOLEY and ROBERT W. HOLMES
6-5-47	Home of Dr. H. M. SAMITZ, 1715 Pine Street, Phila.	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER Dr. AL BLUMBERG, Legi- slative Director of CP, USA	Special Agents BERNARD J. CONNELL and ROBERT W. HOLMES
6-17-47	No definite meeting place	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	Special Agents JOHN W. DOOLEY and ROBERT W. HOLMES
6-18-47	Sansom House Restau- rant, Philadelphia	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	Special Agents JOHN W. DOOLEY and BERNARD J. CONNELL

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Meeting</u>	<u>BART Met With</u>	<u>Source</u>
7-21-47	Sylvania Hotel, Philadelphia	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	Special Agent JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT
7-24-47	Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa.	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER ROY HUDSON, Communist Party, District #5	Special Agents WAYNE HUNT, FRANCIS J. SANDIN, DONALD M. De HART, WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.
7-30-47	Lew Tendler's Restaurant Philadelphia	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	Special Agents JOHN W. DOOLEY and JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT
8-14-47	Marlene's Restaurant, Philadelphia	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	Special Agents JOHN W. DOOLEY and ROBERT E. MASTERS
9-9-47	Home of PHIL BART	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	Special Agent ROBERT W. HOLMES
9-10-47	Sansom House Restaurant, Phila.	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	Special Agents JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT and ROBERT W. HOLMES
9-22-47	Ewart's Restaurant Philadelphia	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	T-39, 9-22-47
10-14-47	Wanamaker's Depart- ment Store, Phila.	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	T-1, 10-14-47.
10-20-47	Home of MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER, 2224 Spruce St., Phila.	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	T-4, 10-20-47
10-21-47	Meeting place unknown	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	T-4, 10-21-47
11-6-47	Unknown	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	T-39, 11-6-47

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Meeting</u>	<u>BART Met With</u>	<u>Source</u>
12-7-47	Sansom House	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER BOB KLONSKY, Organiza- tional Secretary, CP, USA, District #3	Special Agent JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT
12-22-47	Unknown	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	T-1, 12-22-47
1-7-48	Unknown	MONTGOMERY OSTRANDER	T-1, 1-7-48

On March 7, 1948, PHIL BART attended a State-Wide People's Convention held at the William Penn High School, York, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of forming a third party in Pennsylvania. As a result of this Convention, the Progressive Party of Pennsylvania was formed. (T-25, 3-11-48).

#### IX. KNOWLEDGE OF THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

At the 1948 Convention of the Communist Party, PHIL BART, State Chairman of the Party, delivered the main report on the evening of July 16, 1948. He stated that the report to the Convention was based on the draft resolution submitted by the National Committee for the National Communist Party Convention, and that the report would deal with such topics as the drive of American imperialism to war; growing Fascist reaction at home; attacks on living standards and developing economic crises; the movement for peace, democracy and Negro rights; the united front, the 1948 elections and the Third Party; the role of the working class in the maturing political movement; building a mass Communist Party and press; and the battle of ideas and strengthening the Marxist-Leninist understanding of our Party.

In discussing the above topics, informant advises that PHIL BART stated as follows:

" . . . One of the most important questions that this Convention will devote itself to is the need for strengthening the ideological understanding of our Party and organizing an ideological campaign to qualitatively improve the Marxist-Leninist consciousness of our membership and leadership. The campaign for Marxism-Leninism is part of the struggle for a correct policy in the policy for peace and democracy and against war and Fascism.

"It is not a sectarian task facing our membership alone, but it is a weapon for a mobilization of the people. The battle of ideas is one between reactionary ideas advanced by American imperialism as opposed to those advanced by the forces of progress --scientific socialism. One leads to intervention abroad and Fascism at home. The other leads toward the building of new democracies and socialism and the defeat of imperialism. At one pole is the leadership of Wall Street and its bipartisan program. At the other is the great Communist Party in the Soviet Union under the leadership of Comrade STALIN. Communist Parties do not function in a vacuum. They are a part of the people and their ideas are tested in daily struggles. In this crucial, historical period, it is necessary to constantly advance our knowledge of the teachings of Marx and Lenin and apply them in the course of our activities. We Communists also maintain that Marxist theory is not a dogma, but a guide to action.

" . . . . We can advance our Marxist knowledge by absorbing the rich experience and contributions of the great Communist Party in the Soviet Union. This Party ushered in Socialism on a sixth of the earth. It defeated every attempt to destroy it in its more than thirty years of existence.

" . . . . American imperialism is the center of attraction for all reactionary forces in the world today. It gives leadership and support to those who willingly serve it in undermining democratic governments all over the world and joins in a coalition against the democratic forces of the world. It is the main hope of reaction in every country.

" . . . . The present bipartisan foreign policy of Congress supported by the National Conventions of the Republican and Democratic Parties seeks to consolidate the position of American imperialism. It is directed at strengthening its alliance with the Western powers as a block against the democratic peace forces under the leadership of the Soviet Union.

" . . . . The determination to struggle for peace is strong in every part of the world. The movement of the colonial peoples for freedom merges with the democratic and Communist .

"movements everywhere to curb and halt the imperialist war makers. The imperialist system, already weakened by the socialist revolution following the first World War, received a new blow in the second World War. The ability to exploit colonial and semi-colonial people has become more difficult, and in many instances, impossible. The revolutionary movements in China, India, Indo-China and elsewhere weakened all imperialist countries. This did not only affect Great Britain and France, but the United States as well.

".....It will be difficult for the imperialist adventurers to mobilize for war against the Soviet Union despite their barrage of propaganda and hate against the Soviet Union Socialist State. They will fail as Hitler failed before them.

".....The main feature of capitalism in our country is that of imperialism. This means a system of world domination by American monopolists. The United States is the most powerful imperialist nation in the world. Its domination takes the form of aggression and control over other countries.

".....Our Party has, since its inception, formulated as part of its basic strategy, the creation of an independent political party led by the working class. During the different stages in this period we changed our tactical position, but recognized that only an independent political movement led by labor can break the grip of the imperialists on the political life of the country.

".....We Communists do not consider the united front as some trick or maneuver. The enemy, the big capitalists, try to create the illusion that the united front is some nefarious plot of Communists to create a 'front organization' to cover up their activities. We Communists have nothing to hide. On the contrary, we boldly and openly expound the teachings of Marxism-Leninism as the only way out from a system which breeds atomic wars and continuous economic crises. We openly proclaim the basic program of the Communist Party. We proclaim that the final solution is the elimination of such exploitation with the introduction of a socialist society which will produce in the interest of the people and not for the profit of a few." (T-7, 7-16-48)

At the Communist Party, USA, District #3 Women's Committee Meeting held at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, 1416 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1949, PHIL BART, State Chairman of the Party, delivered the main report, stating that the keynote of the Conference was based on a statement of National Chairman of the Communist Party, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER: "One of the greatest weaknesses of the Communist movement in the various capitalist countries, including our own, is its relative failure to win the active support of decisive masses of women."

In discussing the above topic, the informant advised that PHIL BART mentioned the German Marxist AUGUST BEBEL, and his book "Women and Socialism", and stated as follows:

" . . . BEBEL opens up the study of this subject as follows and I quote him, 'We live in the age of a great social revolution' - remember this was written at the end of the last century - 'that every delay makes further progress. A great powerful intellectual stir and unless it grows in all the layers of society and the movement pushes toward peak reaching changes, all fear that the ground they stand on shakes. A number of questions have arisen. They have divided the attention of ever-widening circles and the discussion grows high, their solution. One of the most important of these, one that pushes itself more than before is the so-called woman question.' BEBEL then concludes and emphasizes this point with the following statement; he says, 'There can be no emancipation of humanity without the social independence and equality of the sexes.' MARXISM, the social science which gave direction to the emancipation of the working class, and consequently to the liberation of all classes of humanity, has dealt with this subject from its very beginning. The very first MARXIST documents, the Communist Manifesto, in analyzing class relations in modern capital society as shown in the road to Socialism, deals with and gives considerable attention to the position and role of women in the fight for freedom. The writings of all MARXISTS, beginning with MARX including ENGELS, LENIN and STALIN deal with this very important question. The test of the Communist Party is its attitude to all oppressed masses of the population, not least being women who suffer the double burden of capitalist aggression, economically, and worse of their sex. This test, there is our attention and response to

"problems facing women, shows them a charity of our Party for we cannot bring the working class in this country; we cannot organize the people against the threat of Fascism and war, unless we win the large masses of women; first of all in industry, in the shops, in unions and secondly, millions of housewives in this country, large numbers of whom work for a living besides taking care of their home. The Communist Party is the partner of Socialism. Only a Socialist society can bring about a complete equality of men and women. The first Socialist Republic, the Soviet Union, gave proof of this idea and was the first realization and application, in fact, of this point. LENIN, addressing the Fourth Moscow City-Wide Party Conference of Women, less than two years after the Russian Revolution said, and I quote him, 'It is precisely in this sphere, that is, the inequality of women, that of Bourgeois Law, one must say even among the advanced countries, advantage is taken of women's weaker position to make her inferior and to degrade her and it is precisely in this sphere that the Soviet Government has destroyed every trace of the old unjust laws. We can now proudly say, he continues, without the slightest exaggeration, that except for Soviet Russia, there is not a single country in the world in which there is complete equality between men and women'. . . . ." (T-34, 3-6-49)

#### X. DESCRIPTION

Name:	PHILLIP BART
Aliases:	Phil Bart, Phil Burt, Philip Strauss, Philip Beral
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	47
Date and place of birth:	June 28, 1902, Warsaw, Poland
Residence:	900 Pine Street Philadelphia
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	160 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Black and thinning
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Dark

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Scars and Marks:  
Peculiarities:

No visible scars or marks  
Somewhat flatfooted, walks  
rapidly, and has a nervous  
manner.

Occupation:

District Organizer, Communist  
Party, District #3, 250 South  
Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Marital Status:

Married

Immediate relatives:

CONSTANCE STRAUSS BART

Nationality:

American citizen. Derived citizen-  
ship through father's naturalization  
in Southern District of New York,  
December 7, 1920. Country of birth,  
Poland.

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Because of the nature of Confidential Informants PHT-45 and PHT-64, the information furnished by these informants will not be set out in the body of this report. However, since it is felt that these informants furnished information which showed definitely the activity of BART in the policy making matters, they will be set out here below. Under source, the Special Agent or Special Employee to whom this information was furnished will be shown as the source. BART attended all the meetings listed below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
1-29-48	Office of SAUL WALDBAUM and A. HARRY LEVITAN, District #3 Attorneys	Discussion with leading CP attorneys in District #3 on Marshall Plan and 3rd Party movement	PHT-64 SE RICHARD N. CAMPBELL
2-10-48	Office of SAUL WALDBAUM and A. HARRY LEVITAN	Discussion of defense strategy to be used in FRANK HELLMAN case; HELLMAN was a CP employee who was to have a hearing before INS re possible deportation	PHT-64 SE RICHARD N. CAMPBELL
2-20-48	Office of SAUL WALDBAUM and A. HARRY LEVITAN	Discussing protests on deportation arrests of CP Leaders	PHT-64 SE ROBERT E. MALEY
7-21-48	Office of SAUL WALDBAUM and A. HARRY LEVITAN	Discussing of recently completed District Convention and WALDBAUM's satisfaction of BART remaining as District Organizer	PHT-64 SE RAYMOND J. BOTT
10-29-48	Office of SAUL WALDBAUM and A. HARRY LEVITAN	Discussion with WALDBAUM of what questions should be answered by BART in the event he is called to testify before a Grand Jury	PHT-64 SE E. C. MILLER

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1-21-49	Office of SAUL WALDBAUM and A. HARRY LEVITAN	Discussion with WALDBAUM about trial of 12 CP Leaders	PHT-64 SE E. C. MILLER
3-25-49	Office of SAUL WALDBAUM and A. HARRY LEVITAN	Discussion with LEVITAN and WALDBAUM re possibility of suit on behalf of CP against a local hotel for default of contract	PHT-64 SE E. C. MILLER
3-31-49	Office of SAUL WALDBAUM and A. HARRY LEVITAN	Discussion with LEVITAN and WALDBAUM re possi- bility of suit on be- half of a local hotel for default of contract	PHT-64 SE E. C. MILLER

The following meetings were held at Communist Party headquarters,  
250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
3-18-47	Philadelphia Section Organizers	Present	CP Fund Drive	PHT-45 SA's ROBERT W. HOLMES and BERNARD J. CONNELL
4-3-47	Special Meeting	Present	Plans for Italian Commission	PHT-45 SA FORREST F. BURGESS
4-9-47	Special Meeting	Speaker	AYD Problems in District #3	PHT-45 SA's FRED C. BIRKBY and WM. E. HUGHES

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4-14-47	Special Meeting	Present	NYD Problems in District #3	PHT-45 SA's ROBERT W. HOLMES, JOSEPH M. ADAMS
6-2-47	Staff Meeting	Present and Speaker	Bender Bill, anti-Lynch demonstration Party Building Conference	PHT-45 SE FRANK FLANNERY
6-9-47	Staff Meeting	Present and Speaker	Party Building Conference	PHT-45 SE ROBERT E. MALEY
6-25-47	Staff meeting	Present and Speaker	Taft-Hartley Bill and decision to start Penna. Edition of Worker with PHIL BART as Editor	PHT-45, SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
7-3-47	Board meeting	Present and Speaker	Educational Fund	PHT-45 SE ROBERT E. MALEY
7-21-47	Staff meeting	Present and Speaker	Rent Control	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
8-25-47	Staff meeting	Present and Speaker	Primary election in Phila.	PHT-45 SE ROBERT E. MALEY
9-8-47	Staff meeting	Present	Recruiting	PHT-45 SE ROBERT E. MALEY
10-15-47	Staff meeting of Pa. Edition of Worker	Present	Composition of Pa. Edition of Worker	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY

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X 10-21-47	Staff Meeting	Speaker ✓ 3	Additional responsibilities for staff people	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
X 10-29-47	Staff Meeting	Speaker —	Strengthening of Party	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
X 12-9-47	Staff Meeting	Speaker —	Registration Campaign	PHT-45 SE ROBERT B. MALEY
X 1-16-48	Staff of Penna. Edition of the Worker	Speaker 8	Composition and sale of "Worker"	PHT-45 SE ROBERT B. MALEY
2-13-48	Meeting re Youth situation in Philadelphia	Speaker	Discussion re Youth work in District	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
2-16-48	Staff Meeting	Speaker	Fund Drive and Lenin Memorial Meeting	PHT-45 SE ROBERT B. MALEY
X 2-28-48	Section Organizers' Meeting	Speaker ✓ 13	Campaign against deportations and Fund Drive	PHT-45 SE RICHARD N. CAMPBELL
3-16-48	Meeting of NMU People	Speaker 16	Discussion of work in NMU	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
3-26-48	Re Penna. Edition of Worker	Speaker	Discussion of Press Drive	PHT-45 SE ROBERT B. MALEY
X 4-7-48	Staff Meeting	Speaker 18	May Day plans	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY

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4-15-48	Staff of Penna. Edition of Worker	Speaker	Discussion on Press Campaign	PHT-45 SE ROBERT E. MALEY
X 5-8-48	Section Organizers 20	Speaker	Fight Against Mundt Bill	PHT-45 SE ROBERT E. MALEY
X 5-20-48	Section Organizers 22	Speaker	Mundt Bill	PHT-45 SE ROBERT E. MALEY
5-21-48	District Functionaries	Speaker	Decision relating to AYD	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
X 5-26-48	Staff Meeting 23	Speaker	Mundt Bill	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
5-28-48	Staff Meeting	Speaker	Ticket sales to CRC Rally against Mundt Bill	PHT-45 SE EDWARD CRAIG
X 6-4-48	District Board Members 24	Speaker	Mundt Bill	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
6-11-48	Meeting of Convention Committee	Speaker	Discussion of plans for District #3 Convention on July 16,17,18, 1948	PHT-45 SE EDWARD CRAIG
X 6-19-48	Meeting of staff of Penna. Edition of Worker 25	Speaker	Composition of Penna. Edition of Worker	PHT-45 SE EDWARD CRAIG

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X 6-21-48	Section Organizers Meeting	26 Speaker	Dues, Assessments, Factionalism	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
X 6-30-48	Meeting of Convention Committee	28 Speaker	Plans for District Convention of July 16, 17, 18, 1948	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
X 7-30-48	Special Meeting	30 Speaker	Development of CRC campaigns in Philadelphia	PHT-45 SE E. C. MILLER
8-11-48	Special Meeting	Speaker	District Funds and Expenses	PHT-45 SE WALTER J. SEARLE
9-9-48	Special Meeting	Speaker	Waterfront activities in District #3	PHT-45 SE ROBERT E. MALEY
10-14-48	Special Meeting	Speaker	Discussion on assignments in Youth in District #3	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
X 10-18-48	Staff Meeting	Speaker	Discussion on County and District Organizational setup	PHT-45 SE E. C. MILLER
X 11-3-48	Staff Meeting	Speaker	Political activity in District #3	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
11-22-48	Special Meeting	Speaker	Discussion re relieving Section Organizer in Delaware County	PHT-45 SE FRANCIS M. McARDLE

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12-16-48	Staff Meeting	Speaker	Registration	PHT-45, SE RICHARD N. CAMPBELL
X 12-22-48	Special Meeting	Speaker 42	Re right against transportation fare raise	PHT-45 SE E. C. MILLER
X 1-3-49	Staff Meeting	Speaker 43	Fare Increases; Lenin Memorial Meeting; Freedom Crusade to Washington	PHT-45 SE ROBERT E. MALEY
1-8-49	Meeting Out-of-Town Section Organizers	Speaker	Improving work of CP in out-of-town sections	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
X 1-24-49	Staff Meeting	Speaker 46	CP Funds	PHT-45 SE PAUL J. HOTTINGER
1-31-49	Special Meeting	Speaker	Deciding upon release of Delaware County Organizer	PHT-45 SE RICHARD N. CAMPBELL
2-7-49	Special Meeting	Speaker	Discussion with potential witness ANNA PENNYPACKER	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
2-17-49	Staff Meeting	Speaker	Discussion on issuance of leaflet	PHT-45 SE E. C. MILLER
X 2-21-49	Staff Meeting	Speaker 48	Funds and Front Groups	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY



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X 3-2-49	Spe cial Meeting	Speaker 51	Problems in steel industry	PHT-45, SE RICHARD N. CAMPBELL
X 3-7-49	Staff Meeting	Speaker 53	Fund Drive	PHT-45 SE ROBERT B. MALEY
X 3-17-49	Staff Meeting	Speaker —	Discussion of plans for peace rally on 4-8-49	PHT-45 SE E. C. MILLER
X 3-31-49	Special Meeting	Speaker 57	Education classes in District #3	PHT-45 SE RICHARD N. CAMPBELL
X 4-4-49	Staff Meeting	Speaker 58	Activity in regards Defense of the 12	PHT-45 SE E. C. MILLER
X 4-11-49	Special Meeting	Speaker 59	Re plans for conference on white chauvinism of May 14,15,1949	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
X 5-7-49	Staff Meeting	Speaker 62	Discussion on plans to send delegate to National Conference on Political Advocacy in N.Y. 7-16,17-49	PHT-45 SE FRANK J. FLANNERY
X 5-13-49	Special Meeting	Speaker 63	Conference on white chauvinism, 5-14,15-49	PHT-45 SE E.C. MILLER
X 6-15-49	Staff Meeting	Speaker 66	Preparation for National Conference on Free Political Advocacy on 7-16,17-49	PHT-45 SE RICHARD N. CAMPBELL

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T-1 PHT-5, who furnished information on following dates to persons listed below:

12-22-47 - SE CHARLES B. MURNIN  
1-7-48 - SE RAYMOND J. BOTT  
6-14-48 - FRANK J. FLANNERY, SE  
10-14-47 - SE WALTER J. SEARLE  
11-5-48 - SE FRANCIS M. McARDLE

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T-2  Information on dates mentioned below was furnished to the following:

4-4-49 - SA JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY  
4-5-49 - SA JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY  
4-8-49 - SA ROBERT G. JENSEN  
5-16-47 - SA FRED C. BIRKBY  
6-21-47 - SA FRED C. BIRKBY  
8-1-47 - SA FRED C. BIRKBY  
9-3-47 - SA BERNARD J. CONNELL  
9-23-48 - SA JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY  
12-8-47 - SA BERNARD J. CONNELL  
5-13-47 - SA FRED C. BIRKBY

T-3 PH-10, who furnished information on the following days to various Special Agents listed below:

3-29-47 - J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER, JOHN E. DOOLEY, ROBERT W. HOLMES, BERNARD J. CONNELL  
2-2-49 - J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER, ROBERT W. HOLMES, BERNARD J. CONNELL  
5-14-49 - ROBERT W. HOLMES, BERNARD J. CONNELL, JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY  
6-10-49 - GEORGE A. STRONG, ROBERT W. HOLMES, BERNARD J. CONNELL  
3-1-49 - MICHAEL KIRWAN, ROBERT W. HOLMES, BERNARD J. CONNELL

T-4 PAC-49, who furnished information on the following days, to the persons listed below:

4-23-48 - SE HERBERT R. COOPER  
10-20-47 - SE ROBERT E. MALEY  
10-21-47 - SE HERBERT R. COOPER  
11-14-47 - SE VINCENT J. McINTYRE  
1-3-49 - SE JOSEPH G. MEMLER

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- T-5 EDWARD WRAY, Personnel Manager, and EDWARD McLAUGHLIN, Unit Supervisor of Associated Hospital Service, who made information available to Special Agent JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY, on 1-4-49. b7D
- T-6 [ ] who furnished information to SA GEORGE R. TUCKER on 12-3-45.
- T-7 PHT-82, who furnished information to Special Agents set forth below:  
7-16-48 - WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT, ROBERT W. HOLMES  
7-17-48 - WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT, BERNARD J. CONNELL  
7-18-48 - WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, ROBERT W. HOLMES, BERNARD J. CONNELL
- T-8 NYM-187, who furnished information on various days to the following Special Agents:  
8-3-48 - SAMUEL O. BUSH  
8-4-48 - HOWARD W. LITTLE
- T-9 [ ] who furnished information on 3-15-47 and 9-17-48 to SA FORREST F. BURGESS. b7D
- T-10 Trash cover on the home of SHERMAN LABOVITZ, 2629 North 31st St., Philadelphia. Information on 3-14-47 furnished to SE KEITH J. BOWMAN.
- T-11 [ ] who furnished information on the following dates to sources listed below: b7D  
4-28-47 - Bureau  
7-29-47 - SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES  
8-13-47 - SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES  
9-29-47 - Bureau  
11-10-47 - SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES  
11-29-47 - SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES

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1-31-48 - SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES  
2-19-48 - SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES  
2-14-48 - SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES  
3- 1-48 - SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES  
3-16-48 - SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES  
4- 1-48 - SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES  
5-16-48 - SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES  
12-1-48 - SA's WILLIAM E. HUGHES and BERNARD J. CONNELL

T-12           Trash cover on home of JOE DOUGHER, 222 North Washington St., Wilkes Barre, Pa., which furnished information to SA WILLIAM CARMODY on 3-14-47.

T-13           Trash cover on residence of CARL REEVE, 5238 Jefferson Street, which furnished information on 8-18-47 to S.E. RAYMOND J. BOTT.

T-14           Trash cover on residence of ETHEL MANNING, 1605 South St., which furnished information on 11-5-47 to SE JOHN W. SHIELDS.

T-15           Trash cover on ADA BARON, 4951 Hazel Avenue, Philadelphia, which furnished information on 2-17-48 to SE JOHN J. GALLAGHER.

T-16           Trash cover on residence of IKE KOSTROW, 4128 Stiles Street. Information furnished on 2-17-48 to SE JOHN J. GALLAGHER.

T-17           EDWARD WALLIS, Assistant Program Director of Station WIP, Phila., who furnished script of BART's speech to SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES on 4-11-49.

T-18           Trash cover on JESSIE SCHNEIDERMAN, 1727 Paxton St., Phila. Information furnished 6-29-48 to SE JOHN J. GALLAGHER.

T-19           PHT-45, who furnished information on 5-25-48 to SE FRANK J. FLANNERY, and on 9-27-48 to SE ROBERT E. MALEY.

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- T-20 Trash cover on residence of BUDDY STENSKI, 2009 E. Rittenhouse St., Philadelphia, which furnished information on 9-14-48 to SE ROBERT F. GREGSON.
- T-21 Trash cover on residence of WALTER LOENFELS, 4510 Regent St., which furnished information on 10-13-48 to SE JOHN J. GALLAGHER.
- T-22 Trash cover on residence of JACK EVANTASH, 6750 Souder St., which furnished information on 11-3-48 to SE ROBERT F. GREGSON.
- T-23 PHT-44, who furnished information to SA's J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER, ALBERT L. PIERCE, and JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT.
- T-24 PHT-46, who furnished information to SA's ALBERT L. PIERCE and ROBERT W. HOLMES
- T-25  who furnished information on the following dates: b7D  
3-11-47, 7-16-47, 8-27-47, 10-7-47, 4-14-48, 5-15-48, and 7-19-48 to Special Agent JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT;  
1-24-48, 2-8-48, 3-24-48 and 11-26-48 to SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN;  
2-7-49 to SA BERNARD J. CONNELL;  
3-11-48 to SA JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT.
- T-26 Pittsburgh Confidential Informant  on 4-1-47. b7D
- T-27  who furnished information in the following manner:  
4-7-47 and 6-17-47 to SA BERNARD J. CONNELL  
10-17-47 to SA JAMES L. KIRKLAND  
5-12-48, 7-20-48, 8-26-48, 3-23-48, and 10-8-48 to SA WILLIAM H. NAYLOR  
1-5-49 to SA's WILLIAM H. NAYLOR and BERNARD J. CONNELL  
3-23-49 to SA's WILLIAM H. NAYLOR and HOWARD A. SEARL.
- T-28 PHT-48, who furnished information to SA's JOHN W. DOOLEY, JOSEPH I. GREALY and BERNARD J. CONNELL.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

- T-29 New York Confidential Informant [ ]
- T-30 SE ALBERT COOPER, who attended Mother Bloor Banquet! b7D
- T-31 Pittsburgh Confidential Informant [ ]
- T-32 PHT-37, who furnished information on 6-5-47 to SE RAYMOND J. BOTT.
- T-33 PHT-85, who furnished information on 9-19-48 to Special Agents GEORGE B. KENNEDY, ROBERT W. HOLMES, and WILLIAM H. NAYLOR.
- T-34 PHT-90, who furnished information as follows:  
1-22-49 to SA's EWING HUMPHREYS, JR. and WILLIAM H. NAYLOR.  
3-6-49 to SA's JOSEPH SPIVEY, JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY, and ALBERT L. PIERCE.
- T-35 [ ] who furnished information on 3-3-49 to SA's EUGENE A. BRENNAN and ROBERT F. MAHLER.
- T-36 [ ] who furnished information to SA F. WILLIAM BURG, JR. b7D
- T-37 [ ] who furnished information to SA HUGH H. FINZEL.
- T-38 [ ] who furnished information on 11-29-47 to SA's J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER, ROBERT W. HOLMES, FORREST F. BURGESS and BERNARD J. CONNELL.
- T-39 PAC-49, who furnished the information in the following manner:  
6-3-47 to SE MARTIN E. COX  
9-22-47 to SE ROBERT E. MALEY  
11-6-47 to SE HERBERT R. COOPER  
11-11-47 to SE HERBERT R. COOPER  
11-14-47 to SE VINCENT J. MCINTYRE  
10-18-48 to SE JOSEPH G. MEMLER
- T-40 PHT-36, who furnished information on 1-9-47 to SA'S JOHN W. DOOLEY, ALBERT L. PIERCE and ROBERT W. HOLMES.

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- T-41 PHT-47, who furnished information on 5-18-47 to SE JOHN T. DAVIS.
- T-42 Trash cover on residence of SOL ROTENBERG, 141 East Tulpehocken St., which furnished information on 7-7-47 to SE ROBERT F. GREGSON.

Multiple symbols were given to PAC-49 to further conceal his identity.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: January 31, 1950

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(NY File #100-56579)*Send file  
100-56579*

Re New York letter dated 1/23/50 and Philadelphia letter dated 1/9/50 transmitting Form FD-128.

There are enclosed herewith copies of reports mentioned on page 2 of FD-128 as follows:

Report of SA LEWIS M. LaMASTER, Chicago, 9/16/43 ✓  
 Report of SA C. P. McDONALD, Philadelphia, 11/16/43 ✓  
 Report of SA RICHARD E. NELSON, Chicago, 12/7/45 ✓  
 \* Report of SA WILLIAM F. COLWELL, Indianapolis, 8/15/41 ✓  
 \* Report of SA J. C. BILLS, Chicago, 10/1/41 ✓  
 \* Report of SA J. E. KELLER, Chicago, 12/4/41 ✓  
 \* Report of SA LEWIS M. LaMASTER, Chicago, 8/21/43 ✓  
 \* Report of SA DONALD W. CHASE, Indianapolis, 9/16/43 ✓  
 \* Report of SA EDWARD J. McGOWAN, Chicago, 12/11/43 ✓  
 \* Report of SA EDWARD J. McGOWAN, Chicago, 5/24/44 ✓  
 \* Report of SA ELBERT R. GILLIOM, Indianapolis, 8/22/44 ✓  
 \* Report of SA R. M. KANE, Chicago, 9/2/44 ✓  
 \* Report of SA GENE E. STRONG, Chicago, 4/18/45 ✓  
 \* Report of SA GENE E. STRONG, Chicago, 7/7/45 ✓  
 \* Report of SA GENE E. STRONG, Chicago, 10/26/45 ✓  
 Report of SA ROBERT W. HOLMES, Philadelphia, 2/26/47 ✓  
 Report of SA ROBERT W. HOLMES, Philadelphia, 3/7/47 ✓  
 Report of SA BERNARD J. CONNELL, Philadelphia, 8/4/49 ✓  
 CC Bulet to Phila., 3/25/47, rerep SA ROBERT W. HOLMES, 3/7/47, Phila.

The New York Office is requested to prepare photostatic copies of the asterisked reports and return the photostats to Philadelphia so that files of this office may remain complete.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NY  
FEB. 7, 1950

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU &amp; PITTSBURGH (URGENT)

PHILIP BART, WAS; ISC. CI NYT TWENTYSIX TODAY REPORTED THAT PHIL BART RECEIVED AN URGENT REQUEST TO BE IN QUOTE WEST VIRGINIA UNQUOTE BY THURSDAY. HE WILL LEAVE NEW YORK TONIGHT BY PLANE AND SEE BILL ALBERTSON IN PITTSBURGH WEDNESDAY MORNING AFTER SLEEPING A FEW HOURS AT A HOTEL. HE IS TO TAKE A BUS FOR WEST VIRGINIA. PURPOSE OF TRIP NOT KNOWN, HOWEVER, BART HAS RECENTLY BEN TRAVELING TO REORGANIZE SHOP CLUBS. PITTSBURGH REQUESTED TO COVER ACTIVITIES THRU ESTABLISHED INFORMANTS.

SCHEIDT

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. WHELAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. HUGHES
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Director, FBI

February 7, 1950

SAC, Philadelphia

PHILIP BART, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau file #100-3284

Rebulet 2/2/50.

Enclosed herewith are four corrected copies of report dated 1/9/50. In addition, there are also corrected pages for the Bureau for inclusion in the 5th copy of the report at the Bureau.

Philadelphia copies have been corrected.

There are also being furnished to the New York Office corrected pages of the report of SA BERNARD J. CONNELL, dated 1/9/50 at Philadelphia. New York will destroy the old pages when the corrected pages are inserted.

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cc: New York (100-)

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK

PHILIP BART, <sup>✓</sup>WAS., IS-C. RENYTEL FEBRUARY SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY.

SUBJECT ARRIVED PITTSBURGH TODAY ENROUTE TO CHARLESTON, W. VA. TO ATTEND SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY AT WHICH HE WILL OUTLINE PARTY STRATEGY IN CONNECTION WITH COAL STRIKE. PGH CI ☐ ADVISED BART WILL ORGANIZE THE DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHING, FOOD, SUPPLIES, ETC. TO THE MINERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. INFORMANT ADVISED IT IS PARTYS INTENTION TO GAIN MINERS SYMPATHY AND THEREBY OBTAIN NEW CP RECRUITS. INFORMANT COVERING SUBJECTS ACTIVITIES WHILE IN CHARLESTON. BUREAU AND NY WILL BE ADVISED OF SUBJECTS ACTIVITIES.

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C. A. Reilly

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SAC, Philadelphia

February 13, 1950

SAC, New York

PHILIP BART, was;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Philadelphia File 100-22157)

Re your letter dated January 31, 1950 enclosing reports in this case and requesting that photostats of certain ones be returned to your office.

Submitted herewith for your files are the photostats of the following reports which you requested:

Report of SA WILLIAM F. COLWELL, Indianapolis, 8/15/41  
Report of SA J. C. BILLS, Chicago, 10/1/41  
Report of SA J. E. KELLER, Chicago, 12/4/41  
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